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Toronto has about 250 to 260 reported speed traps, motorists' association says By comparison, Los Angeles has 155, Montreal has 65, New York City has 30 Allen Expressway a hot spot for speed traps, drivers report

Slow down, Toronto, you're going too fast.

Toronto received the dubious honour of being deemed the Ontario city with the most speed traps by the National Motorists Association in their annual list of "Worst North American Speed Trap Cities."

It's a no-brainer that in Canada's largest city, we like to push the limit.

But it seems our cops like cashing in on it more so than others, with more ticket-blitz zones set up around town than Los Angeles, New York City and Montreal combined.

The list was determined by counting specific speed trap zones in cities sent in by users to the National Speed Trap Exchange website.

"Toronto by far, at least in the province in Ontario, has the most speed traps that have been submitted by drivers through the area," says Gary Biller, executive director of the motorists' association, which runs the website.

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Chile. Hanging in

▶ In this TV grab taken from a video released by Chile's government on Tuesday, a miner smiles from inside the San Jose mine in Copiapo, Chile. Thirty-three miners have been trapped since the mine collapsed on Aug. 5. More coverage, page 14.

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Van driver may be witness: Cops

Provincial police say they believe there may be a witness who can help them determine what happened to a missing Orangeville woman.

Police say that based on forensic examinations of 42-year-old Sonia Varaschin's residence, and the area where her car was found, they believe she is a "victim of foul play."

Police say they are hoping the driver of a white van that was in the area where Varaschin's car was found Monday may be able to help with the investigation.

Ground, air and trail searches of the Orangeville area have failed to find traces of Varaschin.

Her car was found in an alley Monday morning and police say they found what appeared to be blood on the car and at her residence.

Police told a news conference yesterday afternoon that they have no suspects at the moment, but will continue the extensive search for the missing woman.

Varaschin did not show up for work Monday, and her family reported her missing.

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▶ Sonia Varaschin was reported missing when she failed to show up for work Monday.

Rate hike bad idea, premier tells bank

Bank of Canada boosted rates in June for the first time in a year

Canada's economic recovery is still fragile and its leaders should be careful about doing anything that would increase expenses or drive up costs, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

"My advice to the Bank of Canada is: Just no more interest rate hikes — not at this point in time," he said.

The premier, who rarely wades into monetary policy, urged the central bank to put the brakes on any further hikes amid fears the United States may slip into a double-dip recession.

McGuinty made the remarks from a Toronto elementary school where he was promoting a new expense for Ontario: Full-day kindergarten for four- and five-year-olds.

The self-described education premier announced plans last fall to forge ahead with the costly project despite the economic downturn and warnings of a record-setting deficit.

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Ontario inflation

Ontario is seeing higher inflation than other provinces, largely due to the July 1 implementation of the HST.

- **Consumer prices** in Ontario rose 2.9 per cent in July — the largest year-over-year hike among the provinces — with the HST accounting for about 1.3 per cent of that increase.
- **The Bank of Canada** is meeting Sept. 8 to set interest rates, currently at 0.75 per cent.
- **Statistics Canada** reported Tuesday that growth fell two per cent in the April-to-June quarter, more than economists expected.

1.5 The full-day kindergarten program for four- and five-year-olds is expected to cost $1.5 billion per year. It is being phased in over five years, starting with 600 schools this fall.

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▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty says while the economic recovery has taken hold, it's a modest recovery and not by any means a vigorous and robust recovery.

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University asks: Who will fuel the electric car?

New Ryerson centre will study solutions to looming power demands posed by rise of electric vehicles

Anthony Haines looks toward the imminent arrival of the electric car with enthusiasm and apprehension.

Why? As chief executive of Toronto Hydro he has to run the wires that, in a few years, will charge up the batteries of thousands of cars across the city.

And he knows he currently can't do it.

"If you connect about 10 per cent of the homes on any given street with an electric car, the electricity system fails," Haines told an audience at Ryerson University yesterday. "It basically can't handle that load."

What to do? That's part of the reason why Toronto Hydro, Hydro One and the Ontario Power Authority have pledged a total of $7 million over the next five years to kick-start Ryerson's new Centre for Urban Energy.

Cities suck up most of the energy consumed in Canada, but they don't produce much.

The centre will look at that conundrum, examining how urban areas can produce more energy, more cleanly; how they can use less energy; and how they can store and distribute it differently.

▶ Anthony Haines

Plugging in a car battery to charge it draws about triple the amount of power used by a typical home during the daytime, he said.

Compounding the problem, most people will want to plug in their cars after work in the early evening, which is just when household demand for power hits its peak.

"You connect this huge load on the grid and the grid simply won't handle that type of load," said Haines. "We need some innovative solutions."

Ryerson's Ravi Seethapathy, who pushed for the creation of the centre, said Toronto is a good example of another urban problem: Most of its power is generated many miles from where it's used, and there are choke-points in the wires bringing power into the city.

5% The province estimates five per cent of vehicles will be electric by 2020, Anthony Haines said; but he thinks the number could be higher, and in any case electric vehicles will be concentrated in cities.

"Ideally, renewable energy should be put in the city," he said, but most of it is being generated in "moose pasture" and still has to be carried long distances to market.

And even if more power is generated within the city, he said, the system isn't currently wired to handle it.

The centre won't look only at electricity. Seethapathy said there's no reason why more appliances, including air conditioners, couldn't run on natural gas. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hockey. Mist

▶ Top NHL draft pick Taylor Hall took to the ice in Etobicoke yesterday as part of the 2010 NHLPA Rookie Showcase.

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Indoor hockey showcase fogged out

The event provided Upper Deck and Panini trading cards with an opportunity to photograph the top prospects for the upcoming season. Unfortunately, due to unseasonably warm conditions outside and a ventilation problem inside the arena, fog took over the ice and the shoot had to move to an adjacent rink.

Hot stats

- **Toronto's last late-August heat wave** was in 1993, according to Environment Canada.
- **Toronto set a high Tuesday** when the mercury reached 33.7 C at Pearson airport. That topped the old mark of 33.3 C set in 1973.
- **Ontario cities that set temperature records this weekend** include Barrie, the Muskoka region, North Bay, Timmins, Sudbury, Kapuskasing and Sault Ste. Marie.

Mercury to drop on holiday weekend

Enjoy the hot summer weather while you can.

The heat wave gripping the eastern half of the country could be 2010's last blast of extreme heat as cooler temperatures — think high teens and low 20s — arrive for the Labour Day weekend.

Dozens of temperature records have been smashed in Central Canada and the Maritimes over the past few days as the region swelters under a warm and humid air mass.

In Ontario, so many records were broken that it's "almost too numerous to mention," said Environment Canada meteorologist Geoff Coulson.

Toronto hit its expected high of 32 C yesterday.

That's three consecutive days of 32 C temperatures, which is the definition of a heat wave.

But Coulson said it didn't break the old mark of 35.6 C set in 1953. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Retired Lt.-Col. Bruce Savage, left, and retired Lt.-Col. Arthur Manvell, honorary librarian, examine a coin found in the cornerstone of the Royal Canadian Military Institute.

Time capsule yields nothing but mystery

Royal Canadian Military Institute building being razed to make way for new condominium

Retired military personnel didn't know what a century-old time capsule would contain, and after opening it yesterday, they still don't.

A heavily oxidized coin and crumpled papers, part of which turned to dust when touched, were the only items inside the tin can.

When the Royal Canadian Military Institute moved into its current location on University Avenue in 1907, Earl Grey, then governor general of Canada, laid the cornerstone in a ceremony Aug. 29. He placed a time capsule inside.

"I presume this is some type of newspaper."
RETIRED LT.-COL. BRUCE SAVAGE, SPEAKING ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF A CENTURY-OLD TIME CAPSULE

Retired Lt.-Col. Arthur G. Manvell, honorary librarian for the institute, speculated on the identity of the contents.

"Well, I don't think it's a coin of the realm," Manvell said. "It's probably a token or medallion of some sort."

The rolled up papers, with no visible ink, will be more difficult to identify.

"They're so fragile and disintegrated that maybe we'll never know," Manvell said.

The plan is to have a conservator examine and refurbish the items, if possible, according to retired Lt.-Col. Bruce Savage, honorary curator at the institute. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Premier mulls school fundraising rules

Ontario schools may soon see new guidelines on fundraising activities that, in some cases, are paying for such classroom essentials as text books.

The government is looking at putting new rules in place to clarify what is appropriate and inappropriate fundraising, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

"There are always going to be schools and parents who want to add a few frills," he said.

"That is one thing. But what we will not and cannot accept here in Ontario is that kids are out there fundraising for the basics."

The premier's comments came in the wake of a report that warned Ontario could develop a system of "have" and "have-not" schools through fundraising activities.

Funding

- As school-generated funds become entrenched in school budgets, it will become more difficult for schools to go without this private funding, the group said.
- It urged the government to outline what things should be available to all students in every school, at no extra charge.

The parent-led group People for Education, which released the report Tuesday, said the province's schools raised more than a half-billion dollars through fundraising, fees, corporate donations and other charges over the past academic year.

But not all schools were raking in the cash, the report found. The level of fundraising in the 2009-10 year varied from school to school, ranging from nothing to $200,000.

Parents continue to raise funds for traditional items, such as graduation ceremonies and student awards, but more than half of student councils also report raising funds for basics such as computers, classroom supplies and textbooks, it said.

Money is also raised for things like building renovations, and fees are also reported to be rising for activities like field trips and sports. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Rogers, Warner form partnership

Rogers Media will partner with Warner Music Canada to sell ads around Warner's music video content across a variety of digital platforms. Rogers Digital Media said yesterday it will exclusively represent Warner Music Canada's music video content, including Warner's online video distribution channels. "This ... will enable Rogers Digital Media to offer even more premium video content to advertisers," said Claude Galipeau, senior vice-president of Rogers Digital Media. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Moscoe leaving politics

After three decades as a municipal politician in Toronto, Howard Moscoe has decided to call it quits.

Moscoe says he wants to travel more and is entertaining offers from the private sector.

Over the years, Moscoe has had a hand in running the Toronto Transit Commission and became the champion of taxi drivers as regulator of the cab industry. Moscoe will be endorsing Joe Pantalone for mayor, and hopes Josh Colle will be able to succeed him as councillor. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Buses can GO past traffic on the DVP

GO Transit buses will soon be able to zip past stalled traffic on part of the Don Valley Parkway. Toronto city officials and GO Transit say GO vehicles will be allowed to use shoulder lanes on a segment of the Don Valley Parkway when regular traffic is moving slowly. Officials say the program will help to improve travel times. GO Transit buses will be able to travel in the shoulder lanes between Lawrence Avenue and just north of York Mills Road in both directions beginning Sept. 7. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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WALKING ON THE WILD SIDE IN UXBRIDGE

Tell Don Dye to take a hike and he will happily oblige. But he could be gone for days.

Dye is among the 85 per cent of Uxbridge residents who are a short hop from the trail system through more than 3,200 hectares of protected green space. It's that proximity, along with the number and variety of trails, that recently earned the township the federal designation of "trail capital of Canada."

With the legwork done, now they're getting the word out, says Uxbridge's chief administrative officer Ingrid Svelnis, citing new green and white signs proudly proclaiming the title with maps and details and a booth at the CNE.

Visitors of all ages and abilities can travel hundreds of kilometres on foot, bicycle, horseback, skis and wheelchairs on some trails, and on ATVs and snowmobiles along separate routes for motorized vehicles. The trails, which run through forests, wetlands, meadows, a rehabilitated gravel pit, historic villages and residential areas, tie into the major Oak Ridges and Trans-Canada systems.

"Being just an hour from downtown (Toronto), it's so easy to come up for the day and scoot back," says Wynn Walters, a local sculptor and volunteer trails ambassador who did the design and graphics for signs and brochures.

There's a big educational component to the trails, he says, noting descriptive displays on habitats and history, and an art-in-the-park area where artists have painted scenes.

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Auto insurance hikes due to abuse: Duncan

Opposition parties say province is cracking down on fraud the wrong way and honest drivers will pay

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said yesterday that insurance premiums can't be kept "down forever."

New auto insurances changes that kicked in yesterday are rankling the opposition, but Premier Dalton McGuinty says premiums have to rise at some point.

The Liberals say some of the new rules help the government crack down on fraud, but opposition critics say those changes leave honest drivers paying more.

The new insurance rules include a $2,000 cap on assessments after costs of exams and assessments skyrocketed 258 per cent over five years.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said the number of claims and accidents has remained fairly stable, and he blames the jump on abuse of the system.

But the Progressive Conservatives and the NDP say Ontario drivers will have to pay more under the new rules.

McGuinty said the new system is "just about as good as you can get it" in terms of managing cost pressures.

"I think we've done a pretty good job at holding the line on insurance premiums for drivers for about six years now, but, you know, you can't keep that down forever," he said yesterday.

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Critics

- Premier Dalton McGuinty "chose to crack down on Ontario families by making them pay more," said Progressive Conservative MPP Norm Miller.
- NDP critic Peter Kormos says Ontario needs a public system like British Columbia, where drivers pay lower premiums and get a more reasonable benefits package.

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GROW-OP BUST

Hundreds of pot plants seized by police

Police have busted a marijuana grow-op and arrested a Toronto man.

Officers with a warrant seized 875 marijuana plants at a house in the city Monday.

Investigators said the grow-op was equipped with surveillance cameras, water-cooled air conditioners and carbon dioxide generators.

A suspect was hiding under insulation in the attic.

Forty-two-year-old Yun Chen is charged with production of marijuana and possession for the purpose of trafficking, as well as theft of hydro.

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Dead bike passenger identified

The Special Investigations Unit has identified the passenger who died after falling from a motorcycle involved in a police chase last Friday.

Ioana Bocunescu, 40, of Toronto, died on scene after the driver of a motorcycle attempted to speed away from a Durham police cruiser when it was pulled over on Highway 401 near Brock Street in Whitby last Friday night.

It is unclear why the motorcycle was being pulled over, said SIU spokeswoman Monica Hudon.

Bocunescu, who was sitting on the back on the bike, was struck by at least one vehicle, Hudon said.

The SIU is called in on all cases of serious injury, death or sexual assault that involves police.

The driver of the motorcycle has not been arrested.

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Show us evidence, Tamils tell Ottawa

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

▶ Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says the government should check whether any of the Tamil refugees that arrived in B.C. last month have links to terrorist groups.

Tamil community troubled by suspicion of Tamil Tiger links: Group

Ottawa must stop making allegations that some illegal Tamil immigrants may have terrorist links and instead produce evidence, the Canadian Tamil Congress said yesterday.

Authorities need to "get down to the bottom" of who was really among the almost 500 Tamils who arrived in British Columbia by boat last month, said spokesman David Poopalapillai.

"If they have enough evidence against anybody involved in illegal activities, let's go after them, and work with our law enforcement officials and put them in front of our laws," he said.

Poopalapillai's words followed comments by Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, who said yesterday that Ottawa must check whether all refugee claimants have ties to terrorist organizations when there is "reasonable suspicion of involvement."

"That's not a prejudgement on any particular person who came on that vessel," Kenney added.

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Community ties

- **Canadian Tamil Congress spokesman** David Poopalapillai said "it hurts the community down the road when you say there's a suspicion, there's an allegation."
- **Public Safety Minister** Vic Toews said in an Aug. 12 statement the vessel was carrying refugee claimants "including suspected human smugglers and terrorists."

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Man storms Discovery Channel HQ

Gun-toting hostage taker in bizarre protest against network's programs Cops shoot, kill suspect

A man who railed against the Discovery Channel's environmental programming for years burst into the company's headquarters with at least one explosive device strapped to his body yesterday and took three people hostage at gunpoint before police shot him to death, officials said.

A law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing said authorities had identified James J. Lee as the likely suspect.

The hostages were unhurt after the four-hour standoff.

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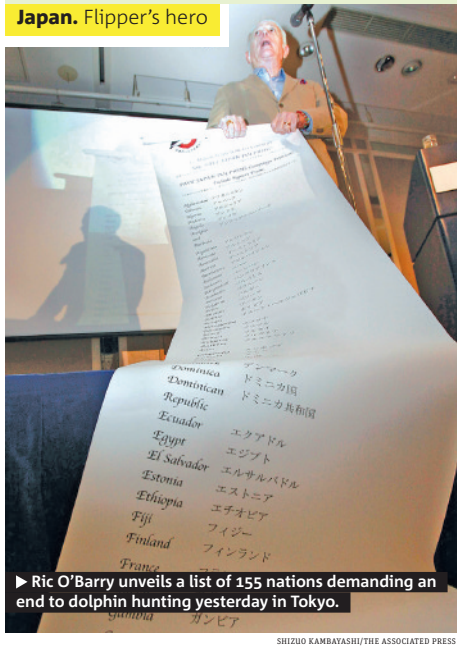
'No more babies'

A posting on a website registered to James J. Lee accused the Discovery Channel of promoting overpopulation.

- The network, he said, should air "programs encouraging human sterilization and infertility."
- He said it and its affiliates should stop "encouraging the birth of any more parasitic human infants."
- "No more babies! Population growth is a real crisis," he wrote. He also railed against "programs promoting war."

Japan. Flipper's hero



▶ Ric O'Barry unveils a list of 155 nations demanding an end to dolphin hunting yesterday in Tokyo.

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The dolphin defender

Ric O'Barry, the former dolphin trainer for the 1960s Flipper TV show, is in Japan to protest the dolphin slaughter, but had to cancel his trip to the village of Taiji because of threats from an ultranationalist group. Fishermen from Taiji set out yesterday on the first dolphin hunt of the season.

Obama puts hope on Mideast agenda

Struggling to break decades of hostility, U.S. President Barack Obama convened a new round of ambitious Middle East peace talks yesterday.

He told Israeli and Palestinian leaders they face a fleeting chance to settle deep differences.

"This moment of opportunity may not soon come again," Obama said at the White House before hosting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the first peace talks in nearly two years. "They cannot afford to let it slip away."

"Too much blood has already been shed. Too many lives have already been lost. Too many hearts have already been broken"
BARACK OBAMA

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Ex-Scouts settle sex abuse cases

60 An expert, Patrick Boyle, says from 1984 to 1992 the Scouts were sued at least 60 times for sex abuse.

Six men who alleged they were sexually abused by an Oregon Boy Scouts leader in the 1980s have settled their lawsuits against the group's national organization for undisclosed amounts, their lawyer said yesterday.

The settlements include the case of one man, Kerry Lewis, who was awarded nearly $20 million in damages from Boy Scouts of America.

The award was made in a trial that ended in April.

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Nintendo may save the miners

Digital games will keep them sane, expert says

ELISABETH BRAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

The most challenging task for rescuers working to free the 33 miners trapped under a Chilean mountain is simple: Don't let them lose their sanity as they await rescue.

And an expert says digital gaming devices — such as Nintendo — may be the answer.

Family members can send the men handheld gaming devices with extra battery packs, says Dr. Jennifer Wild, a clinical psychologist at King's College in London, England

"Playing digital games will help stimulate their minds while they are underground," Wild adds.

Wild warns: "The biggest risk the miners face is developing post-traumatic stress disorder.

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Forget pot, bears love dog food

Seventeen tame black bears that were found roaming fields of pot plants in Christina Lake, B.C., will be gradually weaned off their diet of dog food as wildlife officials try to avoid destroying them. Fears the animals could be euthanized sparked in Internet campaign urging their survival. B.C. environment minister Barry Penner says the bears could become dangerous if they are forced to stop eating dog food "cold turkey."

3 The three suspects were arrested after a year-long probe by the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

Suspects on video

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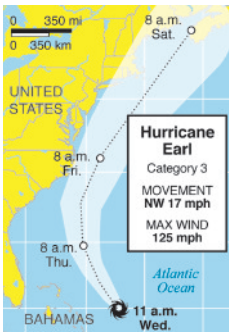
Hurricane Earl: 50% chance of direct hit on N.S.

- Storm strengthened to a Category 4 hurricane
- U.S. mid-Atlantic states prepare for evacuations

Environment Canada has increased the odds that hurricane Earl will make landfall somewhere in western Nova Scotia Saturday morning (pictured right), churning out damaging winds gusting as high as 140 kilometres per hour.

Chris Fogarty, program supervisor of the Canadian Hurricane Centre, said yesterday there was a 50 per cent chance the storm will come ashore, probably in the Yarmouth area, as a Category 1 hurricane.

"That's fairly high (odds) when we're talking two or three days out," he told a media briefing, adding the storm is expected to cause power outages and local flooding.



But he said the centre's computer models also suggest the storm's track could swing anywhere between Maine and Cape Breton — and its predicted arrival at 9 a.m. Saturday could actually come 12 hours before or after that.

Still, the hurricane centre said much of the Atlantic region can expect sustained gale-force winds at around 70 km/h on the weekend.

Forecasters say they are concerned about the steamy, tropical air mass hanging over the Maritimes — the humidity yesterday made it feel like 40 C in some parts of the region — and the fact ocean temperatures are well above normal off Nova Scotia's Atlantic coastline.

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3 Mounties, 3 jail staff suspended over sex viewing

Three police officers and three civilian jail staff have been suspended from their jobs over allegations the men watched two women inmates have sex while in a Kamloops, B.C., jail.

Following a duty status review, the RCMP announced yesterday that the supervising officer, a 20-year member working in the Kamloops cell block on Aug. 18, was suspended with pay.

Two of three constables, who also allegedly watched the women on a video monitor for seven minutes without intervening, have also been suspended.

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Investigation

- Police said the investigation is also looking at the sexual activity of the women.

▶ Consumers line up at a Quick restaurant near Paris.

FRENCH FAST FOOD OUTLETS GO HALAL

The bacon is gone from the burgers, replaced by smoked turkey. At a fast food restaurant outside Paris, a new certificate on the wall proclaims that its beef comes from cows slaughtered in line with Islamic law.

Yesterday, popular French fast food chain Quick, the No. 2 burger chain in France after McDonald's, started serving halal-only food in 22 of its outlets, targeting France's large Muslim population, an underexploited market that has long been ignored by big business.

If it's a savvy business decision — Quick says sales doubled at restaurants that have tested the concept — the move has also opened a new chapter in the perennial war over how much society should accommodate Muslim traditions.

Politicians left and right have attacked the move. The spat runs alongside an even more high-profile debate in parliament: This month, the Senate looks to approve a ban on Islamic face-covering veils.

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▶ Afghan schoolgirls walk past a sign of the Central Bank of Afghanistan yesterday in Kabul.

Afghans banking on it

Afghan central bank says it stands behind country's largest bank amid allegations of illicit loans Fears of a run on bank from alarmed customers

Trying to reassure nervous account holders, Afghanistan's central bank said yesterday it will stand behind the nation's largest bank after its two top executives resigned amid allegations of mismanagement and unorthodox lending practices. Customers showed up in droves at Kabul Bank branches around the country and banking officials braced for a run on the bank today as word of the troubles spread across the country.

"The bank is solvent," Abdul Qadir Fitrat, governor of the central bank, told reporters. The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal reported yesterday that Kabul Bank's losses could exceed $300 million — a figure more than the bank's assets.

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Crown corporation clears its own name

The board of a federal Crown corporation studied the conduct of its own directors after they attended a Conservative fundraiser and then quietly decided this summer they had not breached internal rules that specifically prohibit political participation.

Two of the five members of the board of the Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridge Inc., (JCCBI) attended a Tory fundraiser featuring Prime Minister Stephen Harper in May 2009 in Montreal, The Canadian Press first reported a year ago.

Board president Paul Kefalas and director Serge Martel were at the $150-a-ticket event, which was also attended by several executives from engineering firms that would shortly thereafter bid on a multi-million-dollar contract on Montreal's Champlain Bridge. The contract was awarded just a few months later.

The JCCBI refused to make available its code of ethics, which The Canadian Press later obtained through Access to Information. The code, which each board member is supposed to read and sign upon appointment, contains a specific section on political activities.

"A director must not at any time participate in activities of political parties. He must not ... take part in fundraisers, manage a campaign, nor conduct a personal campaign," the code reads. "A director must not participate in political meetings of any kind whatsoever."

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Berlin. Technology

▶ A model holds Panasonic's new 3-D camcorder.

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Two eyes, but 3-D

The new three-dimensional camcorder from Panasonic will be available in October. The presentation was ahead of the IFA, the world's largest trade fair for consumer electronics, which takes place Friday to Wednesday in Berlin.

Mormon church, Jews address baptism dispute

The Mormon church says it has changed its genealogical database to better prevent the names of Jews killed in Nazi concentration camps from being submitted for posthumous baptism by proxy.

In a joint statement issued yesterday, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a coalition of Jewish leaders said a new computer system and policy changes related to the practice should resolve a years-long disagreement over the baptisms.

The church believes the baptism gives deceased people in the afterlife the opportunity to receive the Gospel. Church members are baptized in the place of people whose names are drawn from a church-run database. Mormons believe the ceremonies reunite families in the afterlife.

But the practice also includes proxy rites for others around the world from all faith traditions. The church also believes departed souls can accept or reject the baptismal rites in the afterlife and contends the offerings are not intended to offend anyone.

Jews are offended by the idea that Mormons are trying to alter the religion of Holocaust victims, who were murdered because of their religion.

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Feds won't fund MS treatment just yet

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▶ Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq.

Seven studies into procedure are expected to take two years

It will take more than anecdotes from some multiple sclerosis patients to sway the federal government into funding clinical trials of a controversial new treatment for the nerve-wasting disease.

The federal government will instead assemble a working group to study information coming out of seven studies of the treatment regime now underway, Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said yesterday.

"If there is enough evidence from the seven research projects already underway ... we will proceed with pan-Canadian clinical trials," she said.

"At this point in time, we do not have the evidence to proceed."

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Jumper survives long fall

A New York City man who plunged 39 storeys from the roof of an apartment building has survived after crashing onto a parked car.

Witnesses and police say 22-year-old Thomas Magill tried to commit suicide by jumping from the highrise at West 63rd Street Tuesday. He landed in the backseat area of a Dodge Charger after crashing through the windshield.

Magill suffered broken legs. Police report he is in critical condition.

The car's owner, Guy McCormack, told the Daily News he is convinced that rosary beads he kept inside the Dodge saved Magill's life.

He isn't the only New Yorker to survive a highrise fall. Window washer Alcides Moreno fell 47 storeys in December 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scan code for a better tomorrow

What do bar codes like this one have to do with environmentalism? Scan the code to find out.

Judge to decide if mom will be tried

An Alberta woman accused of killing her two young children will face a preliminary hearing to determine whether there's enough evidence to send her to trial. A court ruled Tuesday the hearing for Allyson McConnell will begin April 18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ignatieff plans to stay in touch come fall

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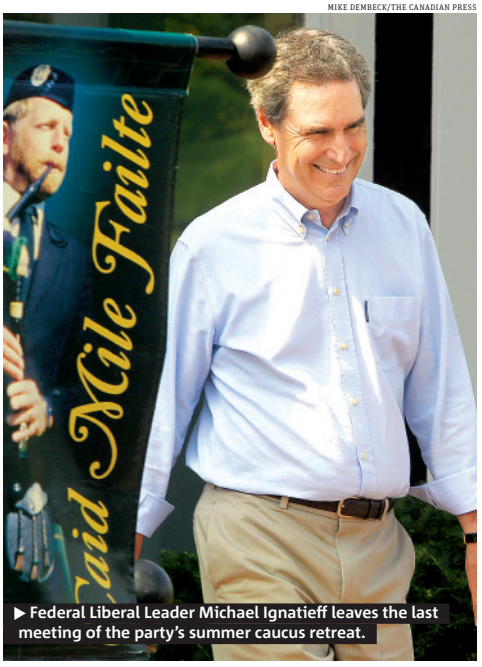

▶ Federal Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff leaves the last meeting of the party's summer caucus retreat.

Liberals characterize PM as scripted, out of touch, inaccessible

Federal Liberals are setting up the fall as a grudge match between "Open Mike" and "Closed Steve."

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff plans to follow up his summer-long, coast-to-coast bus tour with weekly "open mike" townhall meetings across the country. And he will continue his bus travels with trips to northern Ontario and the Northwest Territories, winding up with a rally in his Toronto riding.

Liberal strategists are portraying the gambit as evidence of a leader who listens and responds to the concerns of Canadians, who is willing to take some risks in spontaneous encounters with real people.

Ignatieff went out of his way yesterday to play up the differences between himself and Prime Minister Stephen Harper on a number of fronts — hope versus fear, inclusive versus narrow, progressive social priorities versus spending on planes and prisons — as he wrapped up a three-day Liberal caucus retreat.

"That's how Mr. Harper governs: 'Let's make you very scared of someone you were never scared of before.'"
MICHAEL IGNATIEFF

He accused Harper of fear-mongering in his bid to frame the next election as a choice between a Conservative majority and a coalition of the Liberal, New Democrat and Bloc Québécois parties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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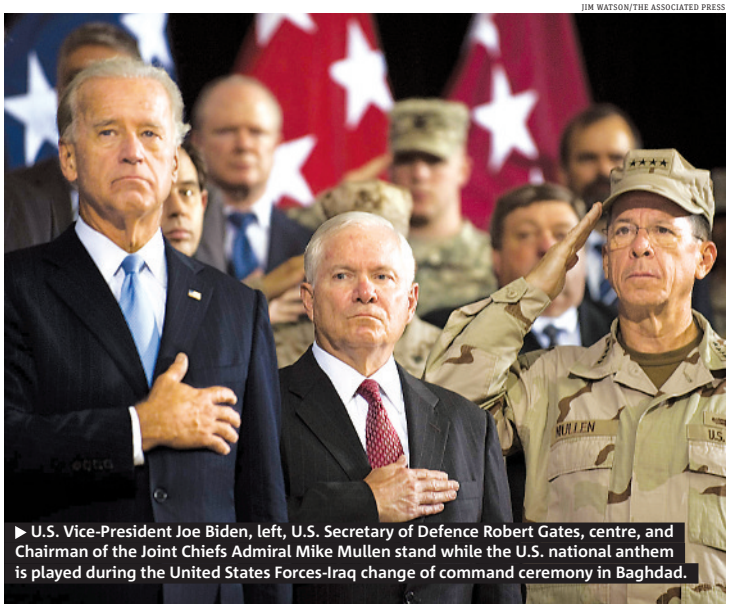

▶ U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden, left, U.S. Secretary of Defence Robert Gates, centre, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Admiral Mike Mullen stand while the U.S. national anthem is played during the United States Forces-Iraq change of command ceremony in Baghdad.

U.S. transfers authority back to Iraq forces

Half a year has passed since elections and the country has so far failed to form a new government

The U.S. yesterday moved into the final phase of its military involvement in Iraq, with administration officials saying the war was ending even as the new commander of the remaining 50,000 troops warned of the ongoing threat from "hostile elements."

The transfer of authority came a day after U.S. President Barack Obama announced the shift from combat operations to preparing Iraqi forces to assume responsibility for their own security. Obama made clear in Tuesday's speech this was no victory celebration.

50K
The number of American troops remaining in Iraq.

A six-month stalemate over forming a new Iraqi government has raised concerns about the country's stability and questions over whether the leadership can cope with a diminished but still dangerous insurgency.

Newly promoted Army Gen. Lloyd Austin also maintained a sombre tone as he took the reins of the some 50,000 American troops who remain in Iraq, with a deadline for a full withdrawal by the end of next year.

He noted "hostile enemies" continue to threaten Iraq and pledged that "our national commitment to Iraq will not change."

"Although challenges remain, we will face these challenges together," Austin said during the ceremony.

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Feds eye support for jets

The federal government has hired a Quebec-based company to maintain its fleet of CF-18 fighter jets until the end of their life cycle.

The $467-million contract with L-3 MAS starts this year and runs until 2017.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Defence Minister Peter MacKay made the announcement yesterday at a news conference north of Montreal.

The maintenance work will be undertaken at the company's facilities in Quebec and Alberta.

The Mirabel-based company has been involved in the maintenance of the CF-18s for nearly 25 years.

"Today we are providing, giving a contract over the next seven years ... to provide support for the CF-18," Harper said.

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17 in jail facing charges

Halifax police say 17 men face charges following a disturbance at Nova Scotia's largest jail in June.

The men ranging in age from 19 to 51 face mischief charges.

Police say 13 of the men have been located and dealt with.

Another four who have since been released from custody are yet to be found.

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Three bombs kill 18 during Shiite march

Three bombs ripped through a Shiite Muslim religious procession in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore yesterday, killing 25 people and wounding about 150 others, officials said.

The explosions appeared to be the latest in a string of attacks by Sunni extremists against the minority Shiites they consider infidels. Allied with al-Qaida and the Taliban, the bombers are also seeking to destabilize Pakistan's U.S.-backed government.

The blasts were the first major attacks since Pakistan was hit by devastating floods more than a month ago. Lahore, the country's political capital and home to much of its military elite, has been regularly targeted by militants over the past two years.

The bombs exploded at three separate sites yesterday evening as 35,000 Shiites marched through the streets of Lahore in their traditional mourning procession for the caliph Ali, one of Shiite Islam's most respected holy men.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani condemned the blasts in a statement and said the attackers would not escape justice.

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Earlier attack

- Hours earlier, three people were wounded in a shooting near a similar Shiite procession in the southern city of Karachi, but senior police officer Iqbal Mahmood said the incident did not target the march.
- Islamist extremists have a history of attacking Shiites, non-Muslims and others they deem unacceptable.

▶ People walk in a flooded area of Sajawal near Hyderabad, Pakistan yesterday.

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Flooding will boost inflation and stunt growth: Pakistan PM

Foreign countries have pledged hundreds of millions of dollars Even India — Pakistan's archenemy — plans to boost its aid from $5M to $25M

Pakistan's economic growth will plunge two percentage points because of the floods and lead to "massive" job losses, the prime minister warned yesterday in a speech that predicted a grim couple of years for the already fragile country.

Yousuf Raza Gilani said one-fifth of the country's irrigation infrastructure, livestock and crops had been destroyed.

The floods began over a month ago in the northwest after extremely heavy monsoon rains and surged south along the Indus River and its tributaries. The army, along with international aid agencies, are struggling to reach the some 8 million people who are still in need of emergency assistance.

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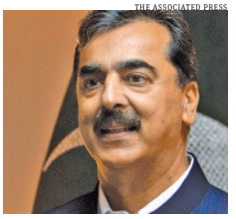

"Performance of agriculture consequently will be much lower this year and the year ahead. This loss will have a snowball effect on manufacturing, services and export sectors. Food security of the country is also under threat."
YOUSUF RAZA GILANI

The scale of the disaster has raised concerns about the stability of the country, which was already struggling with an anemic economy and relentless attacks by the Taliban and al-Qaida. Gilani warned the floods may yet have "social implications," but did not elaborate.

Gilani said economic growth would drop to 2.5 per cent in the 2011 financial year, down from a predicted 4.5 per cent this year. Inflation, currently predicted to hit 9.5 per cent next year, would likely be in the range of 15 per cent to 20 per cent.

The floods have receded in parts of north and central Pakistan but are continuing in the south. The waters are expected to remain for several weeks, prolonging the misery of millions desperate to return home and rebuild their lives.

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U.S. adds Pakistani Taliban to blacklist

The U.S. added the Pakistani Taliban to its international terrorism blacklist yesterday, targeting the group blamed for the failed car bombing in New York's Times Square and its leaders with financial and travel sanctions.

The group, known as the Tehrik-e-Taliban or TTP, threatens U.S. national security, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said. She designated the group a "foreign terrorist organization" under U.S. law.

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The State Department has placed a $5 million bounty on group leaders Hakimullah Mehsud and Wali Ur Rehman for information leading to their arrest.

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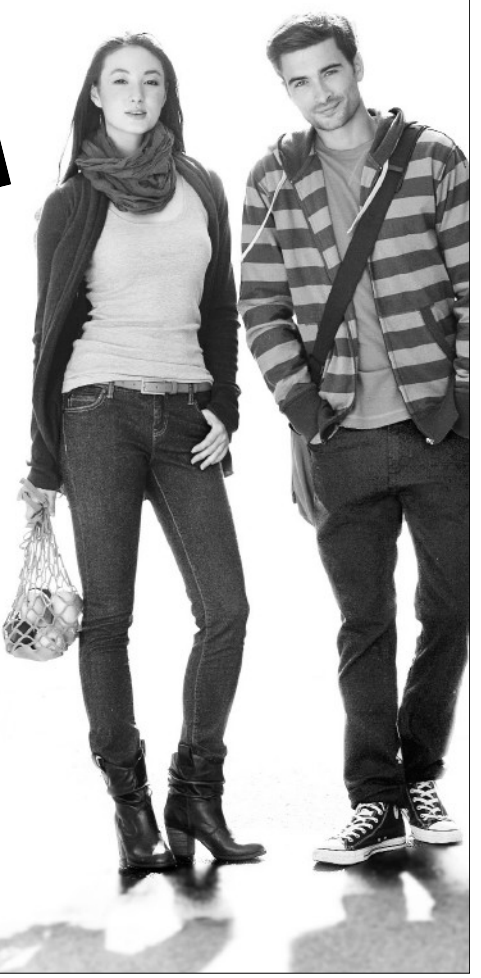

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Judge implicated in sex scandal

Complainant claims he received payment in exchange for not taking action
Judge did not disclose incident

A senior Manitoba judge is facing allegations that nude photographs of her engaged in bondage and other sexual acts were posted on the Internet by her husband three years before she was appointed a judge.

CBC News reports that Alexander Chapman, a computer specialist, has filed a Canadian Judicial Council complaint against Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench associate chief justice Lori Douglas, and another complaint with the Manitoba Law Society against her husband, Jack King.

Chapman's complaint alleges that in 2003 King, who was his divorce lawyer, showed him photographs of Douglas performing oral sex and participating in bondage, and pressed him to have sex with her.

The CBC report says King's lawyer Bill Gange said his client was suffering from depression at the time and Douglas was not aware her husband was soliciting a client to have sex with her or that he was posting the photos on a porn website devoted to interracial sex. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Birthday. Krishna

▶ Children dressed as Hindu god Krishna.

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Celebration fit for a god

The festival Janmashtami, which always falls between mid-August and mid-September, marks the birth of the Hindu god Krishna.

Teenage cyclist hit by motorist succumbs

A 15-year-old boy who was struck by a hit-and-run driver while riding his bike in Leamington, Ont., has died.

Kyle Peters died in hospital yesterday after suffering what police had called massive head injuries.

Peters was riding a bike by himself Tuesday night when he was struck by a vehicle that left the scene.

Police have found a large piece of what appears to be black glass fibre, and are trying to determine what type of vehicle it came from. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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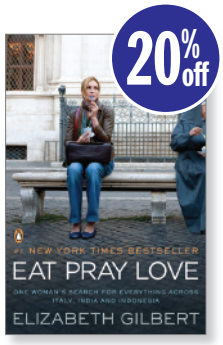

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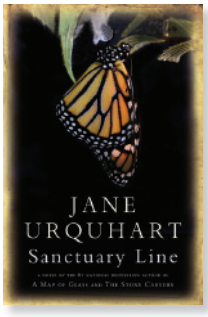

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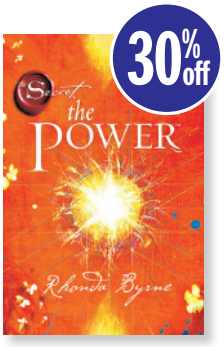

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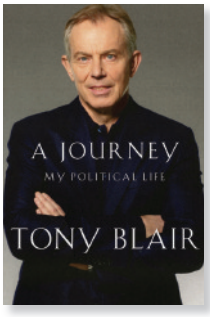

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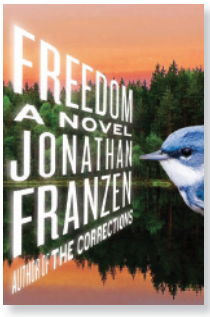

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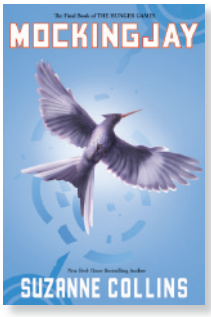

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Ex-U.K. PM gets candid in new memoir

Blair, 57, stepped down in June 2007 after a peace accord in Northern Ireland and the war in Iraq

Tony Blair regrets banning fox hunting, but not invading Iraq. He was captivated by Princess Diana, intimidated by the Queen. He heaps praise on former U.S. president George W. Bush, but calls his close colleague Gordon Brown a man of "zero" emotional intelligence. He acknowledges some find him delusional, and says he possibly drank a bit too much.

Blair's long-awaited memoir hit bookstores yesterday, and the revealing, self-justifying 700-page volume provides plenty of fodder for the former British leader's supporters — and detractors.

The former British prime minister was paid a $7-million US advance for A Journey, which recounts his voyage from political neophyte to youthful prime minister to admired, and then reviled, statesman.

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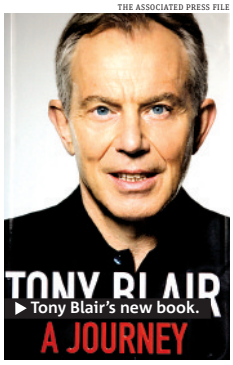

▶ Tony Blair's new book.

Iraq is his most divisive legacy, but Blair says he is not sorry for his decision to enter the U.S.-led war —although he wept for its victims. He is donating all proceeds from the book to a charity for wounded troops.

"I ... regret with every fiber of my being the loss of those who died," Blair writes. "Tears, though there have been many, do not encompass it."

But, he adds, "On the basis of what we do know now, I still believe that leaving Saddam in power was a bigger risk to our security than removing him.

"I can't regret the decision to go to war," he says, although he admits that "never did I guess the nightmare that unfolded" once Saddam was gone.

He knows his position is unpopular: "Friends opposed to the war think I'm being obstinate; others, less friendly, think I'm delusional."

The book was selling briskly in British stores yesterday and was No. 1 on Amazon's British best-seller list, though it was struggling to break the top 100 in the United States.

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Yemenis may be released: Prosecutor

Two Yemeni men arrested amid fears they were conducting a dry run for an airline terror attack almost certainly will be released soon in the Netherlands, a prosecution spokesman said yesterday.

It is "99 per cent certain" Ahmed Mohamed Nasser al-Soofi and Hezam al-Murisi will be freed without charge, national prosecutor's office spokesman Ernst Koelman told The Associated Press.

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Al-Soofi also raised suspicions in the United States Sunday because he was carrying $7,000 in cash. An inspection of his checked luggage uncovered a cellphone taped to a small bottle.

N.Y. Tax protest

▶ Protesters hold signs during an anti-tax rally on the Tuscarora Indian Nation in New York.

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Judge blocks smoke tax

A federal judge yesterday temporarily blocked New York state's plans to tax cigarette sales by two American Indian nations to non-Indian customers while the tribes challenge the policy shift as a threat to sovereignty and their financial well-being.

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Madden NFL kicks off on Facebook

Electronic Arts is bringing its popular Madden football game to Facebook. Madden NFL Superstars launched as a free application Tuesday.

The game lets players create fantasy teams and compete against other players on Facebook.

Electronic Arts Inc. plans to make money from the game by letting players pay nominal amounts of money for better players and other game content. Those microtransactions are expected to add up.

NFL Superstars was created by EA Sports and Playfish, the social game company EA bought last year for $275 million US.

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Iseemedia set for takeover

Toronto-based mobile software company Iseemedia Inc. said yesterday that 66 per cent of its shares have been tendered in the all-stock takeover bid by Synchronica PLC, based in the United Kingdom.

Synchronica and Iseemedia said they anticipate the listing of Synchronica shares on the TSX Venture Exchange will be approved by Sept. 14, when the deal is set to close.

"We are extremely pleased that we are on track to complete the transaction and look forward to the results of this business combination in the world wide mobile messaging market," Anthony DeCristofaro, president and CEO of Iseemedia, said in a news release.

"We are encouraged by the higher than expected support for the acquisition from new and existing investors in both markets and the strong support of Iseemedia shareholders for our takeover bid," said Synchronica chief executive Carsten Brinkschulte.

$7M Synchronica has committed to take up all Iseemedia shares tendered by Sept. 14 and said it expects to raise $7 million for the deal.

In a separate transaction, the sale of Iseemedia's U.S. subsidiary RealBiz360 Inc. to Ackren Ltd. will be completed on or before Sept. 14, Iseemedia said.

RealBiz360 technology allows real estate professionals to integrate web marketing with "virtual" tours of properties.

Iseemedia's main focus is technology for delivering email and documents in large volumes to mobile devices over a cost-efficient network.

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Apple gives its line of iPods new touch

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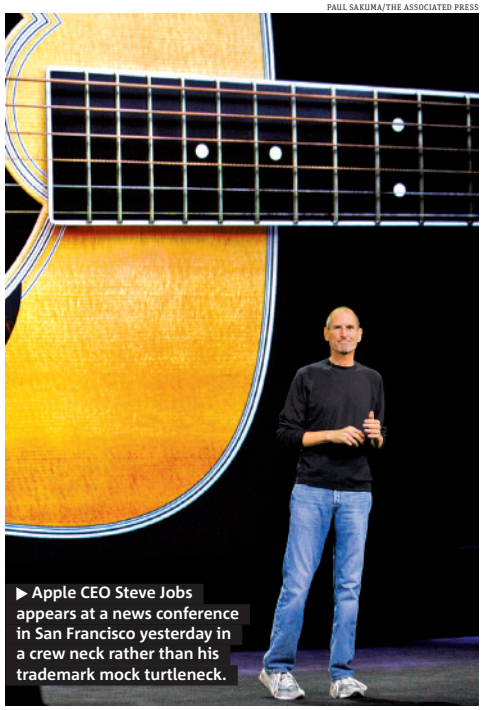

▶ Apple CEO Steve Jobs appears at a news conference in San Francisco yesterday in a crew neck rather than his trademark mock turtleneck.

iPhone users to get free software update to upload video over Wi-Fi

Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs announced a new line of iPods yesterday, including a Nano that has a touch screen and lacks buttons.

Like previous versions, the Nano has a built-in FM tuner and can display photos. But instead of buttons, controls for playing and selecting music are right on the screen. It will cost $149 US ($159 in Canada) for the 8 gigabyte version and $179 US for 16 gigabytes.

Perhaps the most anticipated new tech toy is an updated version of Apple TV, which will let users rent movies and TV shows online and stream content from a computer.

It will cost $119 in Canada compared to $99 in the U.S. It will be available "late this month" and pre-orders are being taken online.

In a refresh to the iPod Touch, Apple is adding video-chat features similar to the newest iPhone. It has a front-facing camera for conducting video chats with other iPod Touch and iPhone users over Wi-Fi using Apple's FaceTime program. A camera on the back can be used for taking snapshots and recording video. Prices range from $229 to $399.

Jobs also introduced a new iPod Shuffle, the lowest-end music player in Apple's line. Like the past generation, it can speak the names of playlists and songs. But unlike the most recent of the tiny music players, the new $49 ($59 in Canada) device brings back the square shape and buttons of Apple's second-generation Shuffle.

Apple, meanwhile, is adding social features to its iTunes software. Jobs said iTunes 10 brings new ways for people to learn what their friends are listening to.

The feature, called Ping, is likely based on the technology Apple acquired with the purchase of Lala.com last year.

The Ping section in iTunes lets people "follow" friends, musicians and others, similar to the way Facebook and Twitter work. Ping builds custom top-10 lists based on what the people someone follows are listening to.

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Sony, betting on love for swiping screens, adds touch to cheapest e-reader and raises price. Scan for code for the story.

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Price incentives lure Canadians into buying cars

Ford, GM vie for top sales spot Ford claims more than 17% of Canadian market, GM almost 16%

August was a hot month for Canadian vehicles sales, with several major automakers reporting year-over-year increases as incentives helped draw customers into showrooms.

Ford, Honda, General Motors, Chrysler and Hyundai all reported an improvement in sales last month. Although numbers a year ago were still depressed amid economic uncertainty and major restructurings at GM and Chrysler, the improvement indicates a spate of incentives are having their intended effect.

Canadian sales gains stood in stark contrast with those in the U.S., where GM, Ford and Toyota all saw sales slip. Smaller automakers like Subaru suffered, too, as did companies that appeal to the budget minded, such as Kia and Hyundai.

Ford Canada said yesterday it sold 24,034 units in August, up just more than eight per cent compared with the same month a year ago and the company's best performance for the month in 20 years.

"Consumers are beginning to recognize Ford, not only as a great truck company but as a great car company, too," said David Mondragon, president and CEO of Ford Canada. Ford said it will extend its employee pricing incentives until the end of the month.

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▶ Ford says sales are up.

5% Earlier this week, a report by Scotiabank found that higher incentives from most automakers have reduced new vehicle prices by more than five per cent since February.

Meanwhile, GM Canada said its overall sales were up two per cent to 23,542, while sales of the four core brands it didn't eliminate during its restructuring — Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac — were up 18 per cent. Year to date, sales of GM core brands are up 34 per cent compared to a dismal 2009, when the company was forced to file for bankruptcy protection in the U.S. and accept billions of dollars in aid from the American, Canadian and Ontario governments.

"Our continued momentum demonstrates our four-brand strategy is squarely hitting the mark with customers," said Marc Comeau, GM Canada's vice-president of sales, service and marketing.

GM has been offering employee pricing to draw customers into its dealerships and said it will use other incentives through September to continue to boost sales.

Chrysler, which also restructured under bankruptcy protection, said its August sales were up 12 per cent compared to a year ago to 16,144. This is four per cent higher than the pre-downturn levels of August 2008.

Chrysler is also using incentives to draw customers into its stores, including a new low-interest financing program that allows buyers to return a vehicle at the end of a predetermined time period.

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Cellphones. Privacy

▶ A girl leaves a China Mobile self-service payment machine outlet yesterday in Beijing.

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China wants to know who's calling

China yesterday began requiring identification from anyone buying a new cellphone number in what it says is a bid to stamp out rampant junk messages, but some say is raising new privacy concerns. Some customers are unwilling to give personal information to vendors and telecom companies for fear it will be resold. Human rights advocates say China might be looking for a way to track people who spontaneously join protests.

From the survey

- **Hiring** The ISM survey in August showed manufacturing managers' desire to hire increased to 60.4, the strongest since December 1983, which suggests moderate growth will likely continue.
- **New orders** A measure of new orders — a gauge of future business — dipped to the lowest level since June 2009 after surging earlier this year, suggesting growth in the manufacturing sector will slow in coming months.

Plants eager to hire

American manufacturing companies grew faster in August as the industrial sector continues to lead the recovery, and managers' desire to hire shot up to the highest level in nearly 30 years.

The Institute for Supply Management said yesterday its manufacturing index rose to 56.3 in August from 55.5 in July. A reading above 50 indicates growth. The manufacturing sector has expanded for 13 straight months.

Economists polled by Thomson Reuters had forecast a weaker reading of 53.0.

Rising exports overseas and demand from businesses for capital equipment and supplies have helped propel production in factories for a year.

Momentum had slowed earlier this summer from a reading of 60.4 in April, which was a six-year high. But employers are still eager to add jobs.

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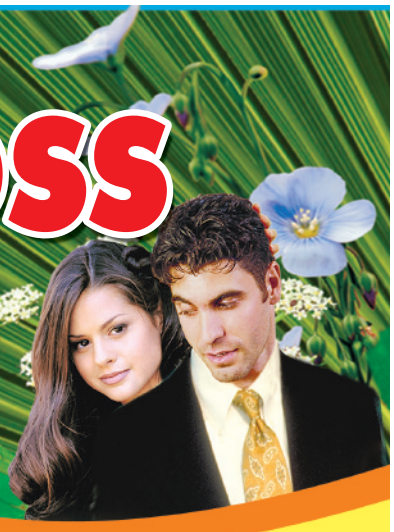

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He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

It does my heart good to know the newspaper industry will survive tough times as long as people keep having moving days.

You might not read this column, but some day my head shot will be protecting your wine glasses. I'm just happy to be making a difference.

This is moving season, of course. Yesterday was the most popular moving day of the year, according to the article wrapped around my dinner plates. And I took part.

Moving is an event that teaches you important things.

Lesson No. 1: One moral I take away when I change addresses is that — write this down — I'm a filthy liar. I always tell people that I own next to nothing and I have even come to believe it.

Yet, when I pack I find myself standing next to a stack of boxes that brings to mind the final shot of Raiders Of The Lost Ark.

Like most North Americans, I have become so adept at accumulating crap that I don't even notice.

I get confused because I use so little of it. For instance, my kitchen is filled with at least a dozen mysterious cooking utensils. They might also be sex toys or CIA weapons of death. I have no idea what they do, so I can't be sure.

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Lesson No. 2: Getting friends to help you move is harder than convincing people to go on suicide missions. I should get anybody who agrees to record a chilling on-camera message.

"I commit to this glorious move in the name of the Heineken I have been promised, blessings be upon it."

And because it's so hard to convince people to help I always respond with a disproportionate amount of gratefulness, as if they had offered me a kidney.

Lesson No. 3: Being a bachelor has its advantages. I know people who pack everything carefully, categorize the contents, and mark where the box is to be placed, down to the Google Map co-ordinates. Adding eight hours to the packing process makes it "easier."

I just put everything into boxes as quickly as possible. No point writing, "Kitchen, southwest corner" when the box contains a Tupperware bowl, a plug that belongs to something, three golf balls and a bag of microwave popcorn.

I was careful, however, to pack with as much newspaper as possible. I believe in the future of this business.

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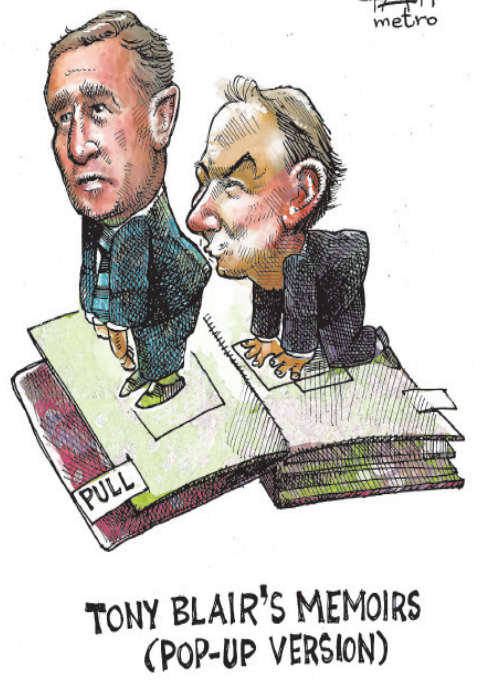

Iron Age gems unearthed

Worth mentioning

Artifacts

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Archaeologists in Jordan have unearthed a 3,000-year-old Iron Age temple with a trove of figurines of ancient deities and circular clay vessels used for religious rituals, officials said yesterday.

The head of the Jordanian Antiquities Department, Ziad al-Saad, said the sanctuary dates to the eighth century BC and was discovered at Khirbat 'Ataroz, some 32 kilometres southwest of the capital Amman.

He said the complex boasts a main room that measures 388 square feet, as well as two antechambers and an open courtyard. The sanctuary and its artifacts — hewn from limestone and basalt or moulded from clay and bronze — show the complex religious rituals of Jordan's ancient biblical Moabite kingdom, according to al-Saad.

The Moabites, whose kingdom ran along present-day Jordan's mountainous eastern shore of the Dead Sea, were closely related to the Israelites, although the two were in frequent conflict. The Babylonians eventually conquered the Moabites in 582 BC.

Archaeologists also unearthed some 300 pots, figurines of deities and sacred vessels used for worship at the site. Al-Saad said it was rare to discover so many Iron Age items in one place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro Minute with a game of cricket

No getaway plans for Labour Day weekend? Why not take a trip to balmy England via Sunnybrook Park and get your cricket on. Round up your cousins, uncles, neighbours, and the guy who works down the street and head over to one of the city's best playing fields (it's just west off Leslie Street through Wilket Creek).

Set up shop on the same spot used by the Canadian national team for its ICC intercontinental match against Bermuda in 2004. And do try to avoid sweating too much in the 40 degree heat — after all, cricket is still the "gentleman's game" and must be played accordingly.

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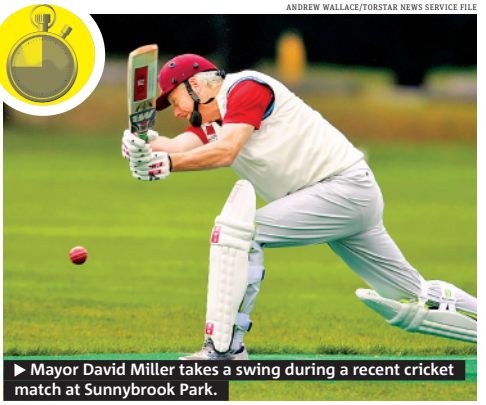

▶ Mayor David Miller takes a swing during a recent cricket match at Sunnybrook Park.

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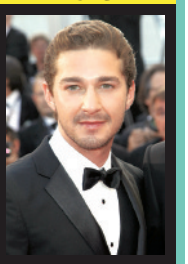

Shia LaBeouf is apparently a smart bet for studios. The Transformers star has topped Forbes magazine's new list of Hollywood's best "bang for your buck" actors. For every dollar LaBeouf has made, his employers have earned an average of $81, according to the magazine.
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ID of The Stig, driver on Brit show Top Gear, is unveiled after court refuses injunction.

▶ Justin Long stars alongside his real-life former girlfriend Drew Barrymore in the new romantic comedy Going the Distance.

Justin Long really goes the distance

Actor opens up about working with former girlfriend Drew Barrymore
And the joy of improvising many of the scenes in latest comedy

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For Going the Distance, Justin Long took on two new tasks: Starring in a romantic comedy and acting alongside former girlfriend Drew Barrymore.

How was working with Drew?
Amazing. She's so smart and funny. It's daunting because she's so accomplished, specifically within this genre of movies. This is really my first lead role in a romantic movie like this, and I couldn't have asked for a better partner.

Was there anything you were nervous about going into it with her?
I knew her very well, but when you don't know somebody in a professional capacity, you don't know what's going to come out. I'm proud to report that she was lovely with everyone.

Were you daunted by the amount of improvisation in the movie?
I'm really comfortable doing improv. It's something I've been doing since I started. I would say about 50 per cent of the movie was improvised.

While promoting the movie, you and co-stars Jason Sudeikis and Charlie Day appeared on WCW's Monday Night Raw, right?
Yeah. In no way am I being self-deprecating when I say that was a disaster. It was not the audience to be promoting a movie like that to. We were so out of place. They're all fired up to see guys pummeling each other, not to see three nerdy comedy guys do some bits.

So, what to do?

We asked Long how he handled such an awkward situation and here's what he said:

▶ "You just commit to it as best you can. We were in LA at the Staples Center and the only time we really had the audience on our side was when we were praising the Lakers. Before that I think the (they) were contemplating throwing things at us."

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Hollywood fights cancer

Clooney, Paltrow among stars taking part in celebrity telethon

George Clooney, Will Smith and Gwyneth Paltrow will join an impressive list of stars taking part in September's Stand Up to Cancer telethon airing on major networks.

Other celebrities announced yesterday include Denzel Washington, Renee Zellweger, Kathy Bates and Richard Branson.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Lance Armstrong and Elizabeth Edwards were previously announced as participants.

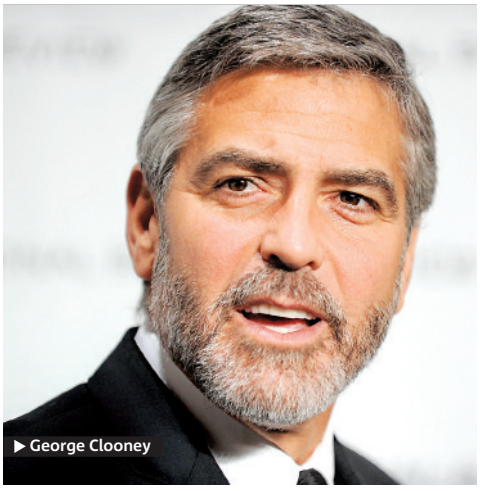
Performers will include Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong, Neil Diamond, The Edge, Herbie Hancock, Lady Antebellum and Leona Lewis as well as previously announced Queen Latifah, Martina McBride and Stevie Wonder.

Clooney, in particular, is a fundraising heavyweight. At Sunday's Emmy Awards, he accepted the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award for efforts on behalf of victims of this year's earthquake in Haiti, the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia and the Sept. 11 attacks.

Stand Up to Cancer is aimed at raising money to speed up innovative cancer research, according to Spiderman movie producer Laura Ziskin — herself a cancer survivor and co-founder of the Stand Up to Cancer group.

The telethon is returning for a second time after the 2008 event helped deliver more than $100 million for research.

This year's telethon will be simulcast commercial-free from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sept. 10 by ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC as well as a variety of cable channels. Cat Deeley, host of So You Think You Can Dance, will host a half-hour pre-show available widely online at major network sites as well as other sites and portals including E! Online, Hulu and YouTube.


▶ George Clooney

"A donation of any size brings scientists one step closer to a cure," Ziskin said, adding that all public donations go to cancer research.

The American Association for Cancer Research, the scientific partner of Stand Up to Cancer, administers grants and provides scientific oversight in partnership with a Stand Up to Cancer advisory committee.

Telethon viewers will be asked to pledge donations by phone or on the Stand Up to Cancer website.

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The simulcast

Aside from the broadcast networks, a number of specialty chanels will also simulcast the event, including:

- Bio, Discovery Health, E!, G4, HBO, HBO Latino, MLB Network, mun2, Showtime, Smithsonian Channel, The Style Network, TV One and VH1.

Entertainment in pictures

In honour of George Clooney's latest thriller, The American, we picked five flicks that, although not necessarily patriotic, do employ the word "American" in their title.

1. **An American Werewolf in London (1981)**: A couple of American students run into some monstrous trouble while backpacking through England.
2. **American Splendor (2003)**: A funny and touching look at the life of comic-book writer Harvey Pekar.
3. **American Beauty (1999)**: Taps into a sense of dissatisfaction within suburbia at the turn of the millennium.
4. **American History X (1998)**: Edward Norton tears it up, and duly gets much of the credit for the film's emotional heft.
5. **The Last American Virgin (1982)**: By far, the best of all those teenage sex comedies from the early '80s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Margaret Cho

You have to laugh or cry

From interventions to murder, Margaret Cho can somehow find the funny side
Now she's putting it to music, with some Canadian help

Margaret Cho combines comedy with music on her new album to address some sombre topics: rejection, interventions and even murder.

Cho Dependent, which the comedian describes as "jokes written in song form but with incredible artists," came together with the help of musicians including Ben Lee and Fiona Apple.

Folk rocker Andrew Bird helped with a song about a former love interest turned murderer, an "honest-to-God murder ballad" that Cho said is based on her life.

For 17 years, she said, she carried a torch for a man. She lost touch with him and eventually looked him up online and was shocked to find he'd been convicted of murdering his wife.

"He bludgeoned her to death and left her in the attic of their house until her body had partially mummified," she said.

"So, it's a good thing we didn't hook up," the comedian added.

Writing a song about such horrific events was cathartic, Cho said.

"The worst things, the most tragic stuff in life can actually, strangely be hilarious," she said.

Cho has released seven comedy albums but Cho Dependent is the first where she sings.

The album also features an intervention put to music with Canadian rock band Tegan and Sara.

Its lyrics include, "Welcome to your intervention. We need some of your attention. You've got a problem we must mention."

Cho Dependent was released last week. Next, the comedian will appear on the 11th season of ABC's Dancing with the Stars, set to premiere Sept. 20.

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Jennifer Esposito becomes a Blue Blood

▶ Jennifer Esposito

Jennifer Esposito is joining the force.

CBS said yesterday that Esposito will guest star on several episodes of Blue Bloods, a new drama about a family with deep roots in law enforcement.

The series' ensemble cast includes Tom Selleck, Donnie Wahlberg and Bridget Moynahan. Esposito will be featured in several episodes as Wahlberg's partner in the New York Police Department.

Esposito's TV credits include Rescue Me and Samantha Who? She is scheduled to appear on Blue Bloods around mid-October.

Blue Bloods debuts Sept. 24 at 10 p.m. Eastern. The drama's creators are Mitchell Burgess and Robin Green, who have worked on shows including The Sopranos and Northern Exposure.

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Camp Rock 2's home advantage

Jasmine Richards enjoyed introducing American cast-mates to her home turf — even the blackflies

On the Ontario set of the sequel to Disney mega-hit Camp Rock, a Canadian cast member gave teen fan favourites the Jonas Brothers and Demi Lovato a lesson in Canuck cuisine.

"I got all the Americans to eat grilled cheese with ketchup. That's my thing," says actress Jasmine Richards, 20, an Oakville, Ont. native.

She says she showed U.S. cast members the joys of junk food exclusively available north of the border, like all-dressed and ketchup flavoured chips.

"That's how I rep Canada. I let them know that we have the good stuff," she says laughing.

Richards stars as Peggy, a friend of Lovato's character in the much-anticipated Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam which airs Friday on Family Channel.

The second movie follows a similar formula to the successful High School Musical series and features more song and dance numbers than the first Camp Rock.

This time around, the teens must save Camp Rock from financial doom after a slick new big-budget rival music camp moves into town.

Other Canadian cast members include Jordan Francis, Daniel Kash and British-born Canadian resident Daniel Fathers.

Richards, a trained dancer, knows that starring in a sequel to a successful Disney musical can lead to more roles and worldwide stardom, but she says she prefers the normalcy of Canada to the glittery lights of Los Angeles.

"Canada is my home. it's quiet here, I like it."

Richards was able to stick close to home for the Camp Rock shoot, which took place in the Toronto area and the Muskoka region north of the city.

And, she claims to have an advantage over her U.S. co-stars — experience with Canadian insects.

"Most of the (cast members) are from L.A. so when you come to Canada, you're going to deal with our mosquitoes and our blackflies and all of that stuff so they were not really liking the bugs or the bees," she says.

Richards, who also starred as Margaret in the Family Channel show Naturally, Sadie, says she is a normal kid, who does chores, cleans the kitty litter, and goes shopping at discount department stores. She still can't believe she gets fan mail from all over the world.

"Some of them will be from like Poland, and everywhere, and I'm like: 'Really? I have fans in Poland?!,'" she says.

She says she enjoys replying to each letter, and that she understands the sting of sending fan mail and never hearing a response.

"I was once like them, too, writing fan mail to Orlando Bloom but he never responded back to me. I was kind of heart broken," she says with a grin.

"It's OK, I'm over it now."

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▶ Jasmine Richards is from Oakville, Ont.

TV Picks

Jersey girls turn nasty

REALITY. There's more drama brewing in the Jersey Shore house — but yo, what else would you expect, bro? Two roommates look to hook up, while a heated argument turns into a full blown catfight. (MTV)

▶ Snooki

Mental mysteries

BRAINY. The Secrets of Your Mind: Why We Do What We Do miniseries continues with the third of four instalments, exploring the science behind the human brain.

This week, the focus is on medical emergencies involving the brain, including what happens when someone loses the part of their brain that controls their memories. (ABC)

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Disturbed stays safe with new offering

Disturbed
Album: Asylum
Label: Reprise
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One step forward, two steps back. Few people haven't felt this ages-old adage apply to their lives. It represents one's frustrated sentiments when efforts to prevail are thwarted by our own inherent tendencies bringing us back to square one. Unsurprisingly, such is the case with Chicago-based heavy rockers Disturbed on fifth outing Asylum.

They claim the album endeavours to expand outside their stifling box of prefabricated basic riffs swarming around sugary, radio-friendly vocals and production values equivalent to bathing in perfume — overkill, as it were. However, the album's 13 tracks are just that: yet another bout of affectation encasing reality. In essence, that means a lot of posturing under the "We're an angry metal band," banner while their inherent "We're a predictable pop band with crunchy guitars," basic instincts unavoidably consumes the affair. Abounding in overtly predictable, uninspired Neanderthal-ish chug riffs supporting undeniably catchy vocals, rock-by-numbers songs such as The Infection, Serpentine and a borderline rap/metal title track struggle to seem avant-garde but remain decidedly lowest common denominator. One gets the impression that while Disturbed paid lip-service to some sort of stylistic advancement with Asylum, the real axiom should read: "It ain't broke, so Disturbed didn't fix it."

Outstanding track: Sacrifice

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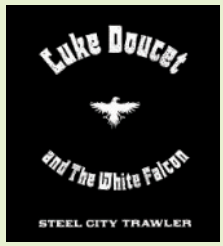

Luke Doucet and the White Falcon
Album: Steel City Trawler
Label: Six Shooter/Warner
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Luke Doucet's new home in the Hammer seems to suit his gritty guitar style well. With the help of Sloan's Andrew Scott as producer, Doucet delivers an enjoyable and compelling rock record with undisguised nods to Neil Young, Keith Richard and Tom Petty. The upbeat fun of opening track Monkeys gives way to the tightening noose of The Ballad of Ian Curtis and a rocked-up cover of the Gordon Lightfoot classic Sundown. **Outstanding track:** Hey Now

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Jenny and Johnny
Album: Surfing the Void
Label: Warner Bros.
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The name of both the artist and album frankly indicates what real-life sweethearts Jenny Lewis (Rilo Kiley) and Johnathan Rice set out to achieve on this collaboration. Not unlike the likeminded yet platonic duo of She & Him, they smile their way through an album full of starry-eyed duets that touch on various styles like AM gold, sunny surf pop, '90s college rock and even a bit of shoegaze.
Outstanding track: Big Wave

CAM LINDSAY

Land of Talk
Album: Cloak and Cipher
Label: Saddle Creek
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When Land of Talk released their debut EP in 2006 many thought the trio would be the next big indie break out band. That hasn't happened yet, and it probably won't with their latest, but that's not to say it isn't any good. The new disc is a relatively soft indie pop disc, but does explode in a number of parts. The record is encapsulated in the song Swift Coin. It moves like a Broken Social Social Scene tune (the band toured with BSS, and their sound has clearly rubbed off).
Outstanding track: Swift Coin.

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Lambert snags 9 CMA noms

Miranda Lambert made history yesterday morning when she was nominated for nine CMA Awards, the most for a female country music artist.

She'll be celebrating with close friends Lady Antebellum and fiancé Blake Shelton. Lady A earned the second most nominations with five and Shelton was next with four, tied with Zac Brown Band.

The year 2010 is taking on fairly tale qualities for the fiery Texan, who won three Academy of Country Music Awards in March, got engaged a few months later and has much to look forward to the rest of the year.

"I don't think it gets better than this," Lambert said in a phone interview with

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The Associated Press. "It's been a dream and it's not even over with. I'll be sad when 2011 comes because this year has just been one blessing after another. It's just incredible. I don't know what it is about now that all this is coming to a head, but I don't care. I'm just glad it is."

Lambert and close friend Dierks Bentley announced nominations in five categories yesterday morning on Good Morning America. The first seven categories were announced Tuesday in Nashville.

Lambert, Lady A, Zac Brown Band, Brad Paisley and Keith Urban were nominated for entertainer of the year, the Country Music Association's top award.

Should Lambert when entertainer of the year she'll continue a girl-power trend at country music's two top awards shows. Taylor Swift became just the third female winner of the CMA's top award last year and Carrie Underwood made history in April as the first woman to win the ACM Awards' entertainer of the year twice.

Women also figure prominently in several CMA categories this year.

"It's definitely something that's been needing to happen for a long time," Lambert said.

Lambert, whose last album Revolution was widely hailed by her peers and critics, fell just short of Alan Jackson's overall record of 10 nominations, set in 2002. Merle Haggard is the only other artist to receive nine or more nominations.

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Ont. premier has yet to catch Bieber fever

McGuinty joins Twitter, but does not follow province's biggest star

Twitter newbie Dalton McGuinty hasn't caught the Bieber fever.

Ontario's premier, who joined the social network this week, says he doesn't follow the Canadian pop phenom's Twitter feed — yet.

McGuinty jokes he's actually hoping Bieber will follow his Tweets first.

The premier has just over 1,700 followers, while the Ontario-born teen superstar has almost five million.

McGuinty, who's earned the nickname Premier Dad for his "Father Knows Best" approach to governing, appears to be trying to reach out to younger voters through his sudden embrace of Twitter.

So far, he's used the account to promote government news releases, talk about full-day kindergarten and link to a photo of his family on a recent canoe trip.

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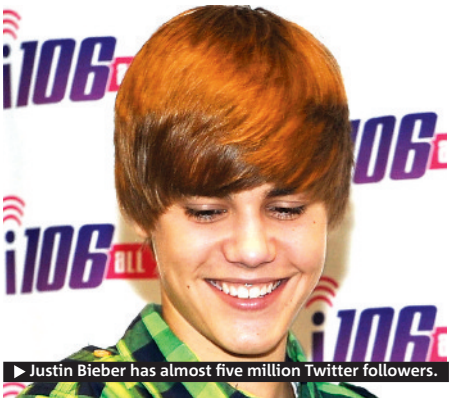

▶ Justin Bieber has almost five million Twitter followers.

Celebrity tweets

Kanye West [@kanye-west] I could never be 'just' her friend cause as your friend I would want you to be with a guy like me even if it wasn't me but I don't know another me.

Jonathon Ross [@wossy] My house is filled with young people playing quite horrible music. Not squatters btw. They'd have better taste in choons I think.

Jessica Simpson [@JessicaSimpson] Going over ideas for my new Christmas record...any suggestions?

Hudson happy with new beau, but weary of vows

Kate Hudson is enjoying her relationship with Muse rocker Matt Bellamy, but she's not necessarily ready to give marriage a second try.

"It's definitely not something I'm looking for. But the divorce doesn't put me off," she tells Elle magazine. "I'll just see what happens. I think a lot of times people are terrified of love and stop themselves from experiencing it. I don't ever want to get that jaded."

And the fact that Bellamy is a musician — like ex-husband Chris Robinson who fronted The Black Crowes — definitely isn't an issue for Hudson.

"When I was with Chris, music was my life. I spent seven years on the road," she says. "Would I do it again? I wouldn't shy away from a tour bus, it's wonderful."

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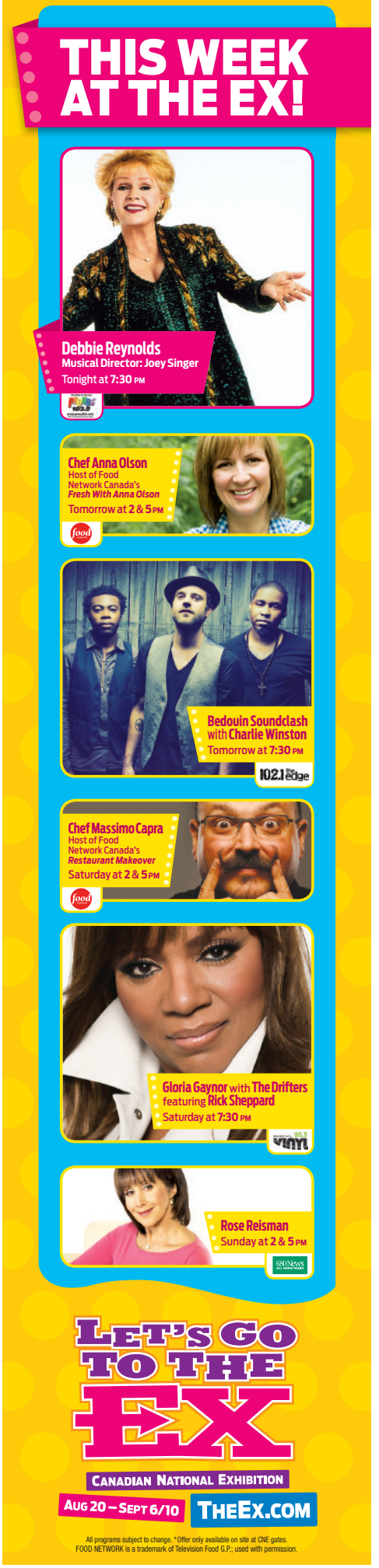
▶ Kate Hudson and Muse rocker Matt Bellamy.



Student Cents

Are you just thinking about where your money is going or consciously managing how you spend it?

MANAGE YOUR MONEY

"You can't always get what you want," says Justin Yee, a third year business student at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont.

Twenty-year-old Yee uses a spread sheet to record what he spends every month. There are columns for fixed costs such as rent, tuition (these are high priority) and cable TV (low); and columns for variable costs such as food (high) and clothing (low). If he hasn't budgeted correctly and he's spending more money than planned, "I think about why and try to be more careful," says Yee. At the same time, he has learned to prioritize his purchases. "You have to look at yourself and decide what you really want and need." A good example: Yee loves to bike and golf... and he just bought himself a good quality hybrid bike. "I would have liked new golf clubs too. But I can't have both. Biking makes more sense right now."

Managing money while you go to school is not just about paying for tuition and books. Students really need to be aware of their discretionary expenses, says Kavita Joshi, Director, Student Markets, RBC.

RBC EXPENSES TRACKER

RBC has launched a tool called my Finance Tracker that automatically organizes your spending into an easy-to-read pie chart with categories you can customize to fit your style (you'll see various sized 'slices' that represent cash withdrawals, credit card charges and school expenses, for example) so that you can know exactly where your money is going monthly and can budget and plan your spending proactively.

All the everyday costs of living — e.g., transportation, toothpaste, pizza, and movies – are just as important to keep track of and manage.

"Let's say you buy your lunch in the cafeteria every day," says Joshi. "Intuitively, you know that packing a lunch would save money. But you don't know how much lunch is really costing you every month." Keeping track of what you spend would clearly show how much lunch is costing. And, when you know this information, you might start packing your lunch three times a week to save money. But, says Joshi, you'll still buy lunch on the two days a week that your class schedule is heavier.

"And, that's the difference between passively monitoring how you spend your money versus managing it," says Joshi.

Set Priorities

When looking at what – and how – you want to spend money, it's important to prioritize. Ask yourself these questions:

- *What's really important to me?*
- *What can I live without? What can't I live without?*
- *Can I still have fun with my friends without breaking the bank?*
- *Am I comfortable accumulating debt while I'm at school?*
- **Can family chip in and buy me something I want as a birthday gift?*
- *Can I manage to work more hours during school to make more money?*

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- *BANK ACCOUNT*

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- *CREDIT CARD*

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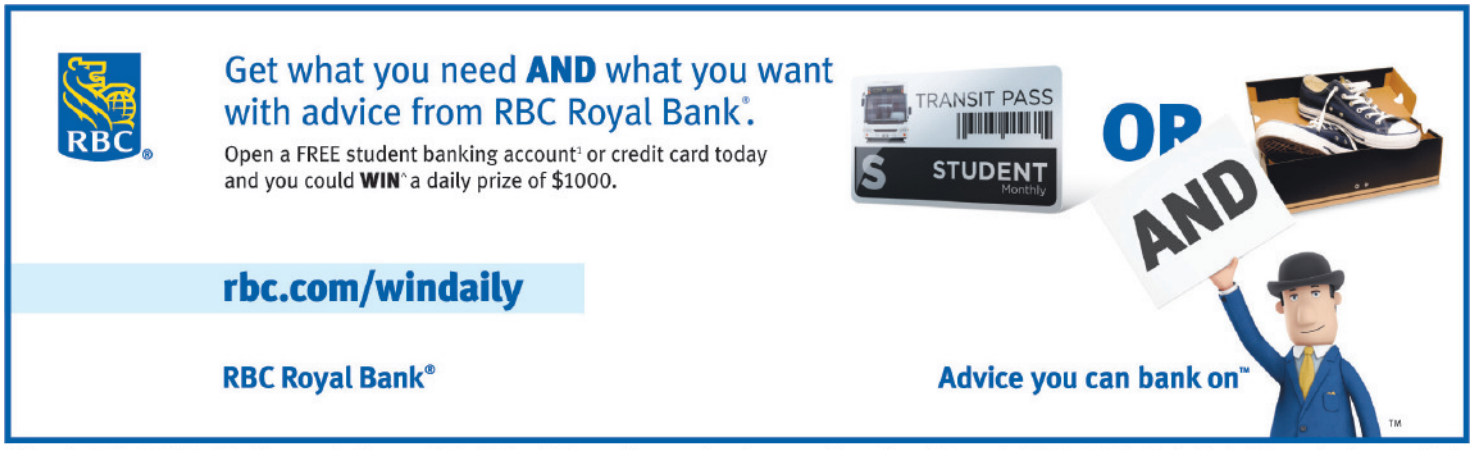

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Who wears the pants?

Women's fashion putting a stamp on trousers this season — one that's all their own
Industry big wigs expect menswear styles to continue invasion of women's lines

Menswear details, including blazers, vests and button-downs, have been invading women's fashion trends for a while. Now comes the most obvious of all for fall: pants.

Dresses had been dominant for several seasons — there is appeal in an effortless uniform, after all — but pants are powerful, utilitarian and versatile, and that seems to be what women are craving this style cycle.

"I don't need to tell the girls in the room how practical pants are. A great black pant goes desk to dinner, morning to evening. It's easy and you don't have to think about it too much," says Simon Kneen, creative director at Banana Republic.

"We see pants as the next 'it' item," agrees Colin Dyne, CEO of William Rast. "The categories we're focused on for fall and going into spring are chinos, cargos, pants that utilize silk blends and other fabrications."

Bridge the Gap

Pants Gap's new black-pant collection is a reaction to consumer demand, says Lexi Tawes, vice-president of women's merchandising. People want a pair of pants that can be worn all week.

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And that's what's new about pants this go-around: Pretty much anything goes. There's not a specific skinny silhouette that's the must-have, nor a tailored trouser. The runways — and now the racks — have wide legs and narrow ones, high waists and low. They are all, however, relatable, not kooky concoctions meant only for the catwalk.

"There's a return to the idea of a flattering pant," says Mark Holgate, Vogue's fashion news director. "We were knee deep, no pun intended, in the world of crazy pants ... and then what happened was women wore leggings. But now the trend is coming back like the 1990s — a wonderful Helmut Lang pant that's boyish and womanly, that could be worn with a jacket shirt, evening top, heel, flat or boot."

He also sees a nod to the '70s, which Holgate calls "the great years of pants."

Susan Cernek, Glamour's senior online fashion and beauty editor, says she recently was flipping through a book of Yves Saint Laurent's archival work and had to do a triple take at the date. "There was a 1974 runway look, but it looks like so many looks from the runway this year. It was worn with a bow blouse, loose jacket and tailored trousers."

Its projects strength, Cernek says, "not because they are borrowed from the boys but because you have to be committed to this look. You literally suit up from head to toe."

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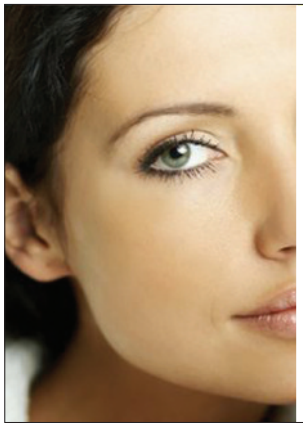

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MEET THE TIRELESS RACHEL ZOE

The go-to-stylist on her clothing line, reality television show and celeb status

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Most stylists are under-the-radar creatures who, if they work hard enough, might enjoy a certain amount of fame in the fashion blogosphere. If they're really popular, they might even get the occasional interview in a glossy magazine.

Rachel Zoe, on the other hand, has a celebrity status that has grown to Hollywood-size proportions complete with a team of handlers that rivals that of her A-list clients.

If you've watched her reality show, The Rachel Zoe Project, regularly, there's not much about the stylist's quest to turn herself into a lifestyle brand that you don't already know.

When did you attend your first fashion show?
I remember crashing a Marc Jacobs show. I was an assistant and I was determined to go. I was waiting in the standing line, which was a mile long. I remember Patrick McMullan (the famous New York social circuit photographer) actually found me outside and goes, "Who are you?" And I was like," Who are YOU?" He took my picture. He was like, "I think I'm going to be taking pictures of you for a long time." He got me into the show and I ended up getting a seat. It was the greatest show ever.

ZOE'S FASHION MANTRAS

Words to dress by

"Don't be scared to be over-dressed. What's the worst case scenario? You're the best dressed in the room."

"I love to go by, 'More is more.' I'm not a minimalist. But if you're questioning yourself and think you may have on too much, you probably do. So take something off."

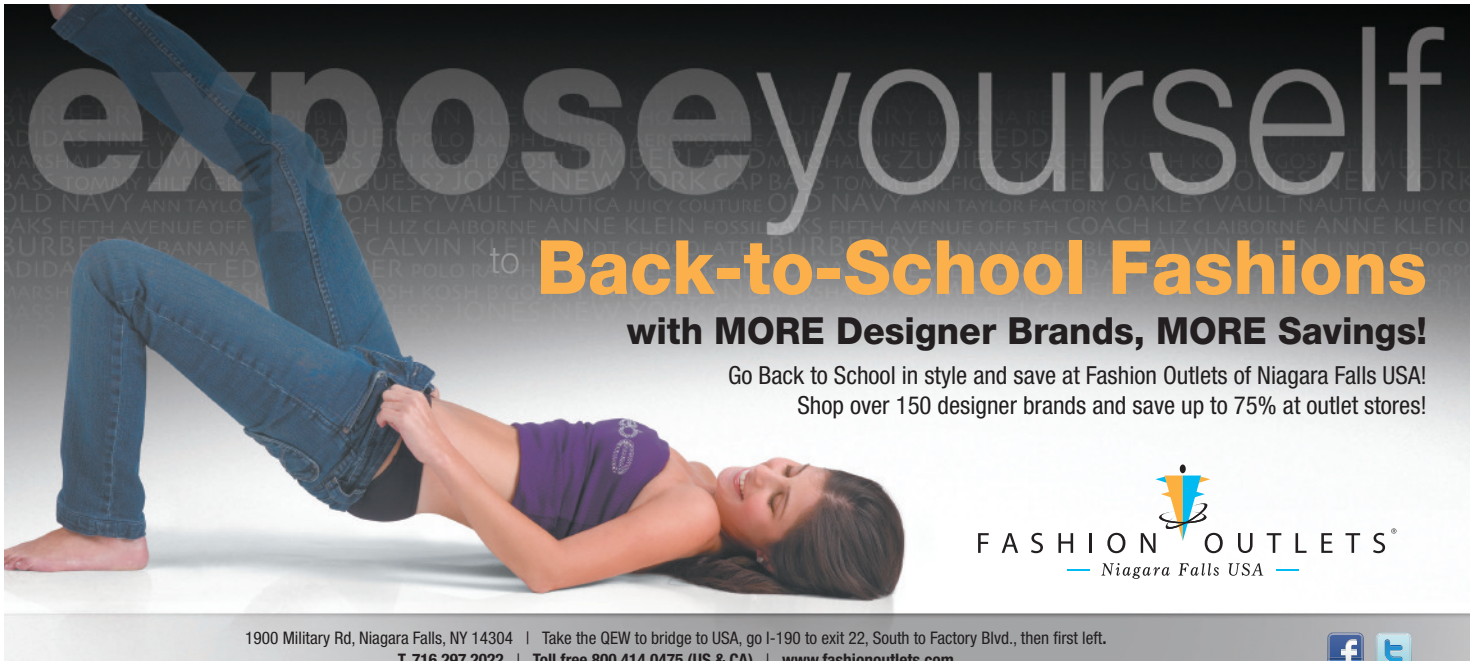
"Don't be afraid to acccesorize. An outfit is nothing without accessories."

Now that you're doing so much more than styling, how do you determine which fashion weeks to go to?
I don't generally like to miss Paris. But this past season, there was no physical way for me to do Paris and Oscar week. So I went to Milan instead. Of course I could always go on Style.com and see the show, but a lot of the designers are my friends. So I really try to go to support them as well. I never miss Oscar de la Renta, Marc Jacobs, Chanel, and Calvin Klein for instance.

So do you actually consider your show a way for viewers to see how fashion works?
The goal for the show is to educate the audience. In the case of the fashion weeks, it's for them to see how each city is glamorous in its own way.

Could you ever see yourself leaving styling and not attending fashion weeks altogether?
I'm not going to lie, it's hard doing it all. But at the same time, it's also an adrenaline rush. I'm tired because I'm constantly thinking about 20 things. A big premiere, awards season, a collection for QVC, filming my show, going to the fashion shows. And I also have my Web site. But at the end of the day, it's my name on the door. I have to be extremely hands on. About a year ago, I thought I would segue out of styling. But what I've realized ... is that I can never really walk away from it.

In this age of street style blogs, do you think that celebs influence the way people dress as much as say, five years ago?
I think fashion and celebrities are constantly feeding off of one another. Celebrities influence fashion and vice versa.



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▶The Vogue Nippon editor in Milan

‘Outfits are my job’

Italian diva Anna Dello Russo is the Angelina Jolie of the fashion world

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GETTING DRESSED

“Outfits are my job. I plan them one season ahead. By May, I have my September wish list. By the time the September shows arrive, I’ve come back from holiday and don’t want to cover up! I want to show off my tan and sun kissed hair.

THE FASHION PAPARAZZI

“I wasn’t used to the attention at first. I’ve been around for 20 years. And for the first 10, nobody noticed me. And I promise you, I wore beautiful clothes then. Photographers, paparazzi, bloggers — they just ‘happened’.

THE MINUTES BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS

“Fiddling with your phone is just rude. Being at a fashion show is a bit like being in church; you have to be there and listen.

THE MOST COVETED TICKET

“My all-time best front row moment was getting a seat at Balenciaga. Few people get invited and the impact of the show is so much stronger from the front row as you actually get to see the silhouettes.”

Inside Anna Dello Russo’s handbag

▶ “I don’t carry a big bag to the shows, just a clutch. In it I carry my lipstick, my phone and a little notebook in case I need to remember something. I also carry water and almonds so that I can nibble without getting dirty. I don’t really have last minute beauty fixes.”

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Falling into style

- Inside and out, find these items for your needs
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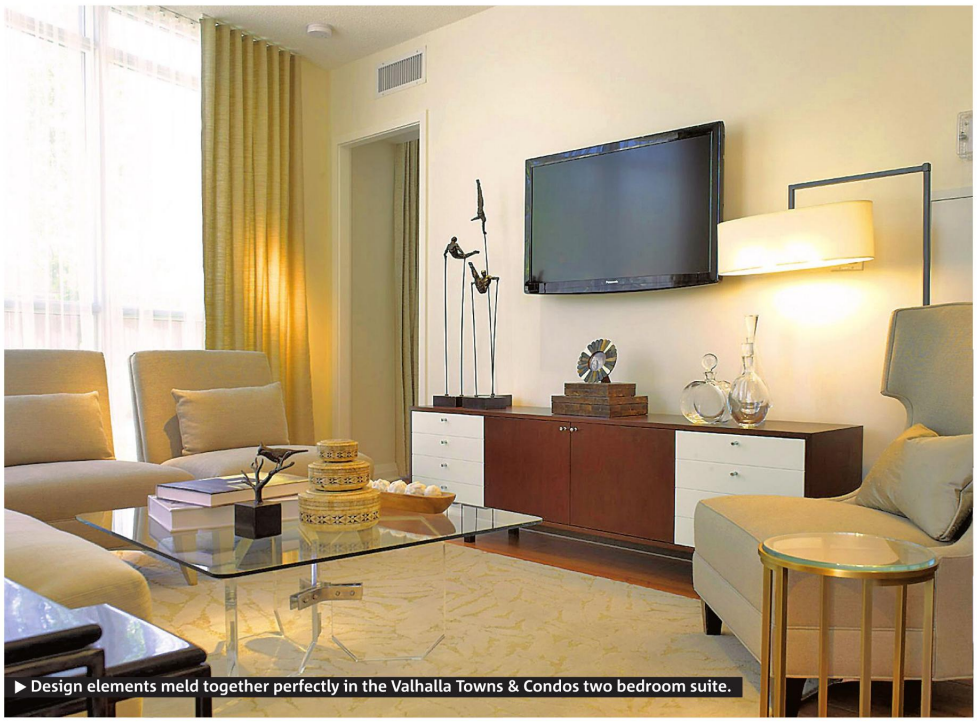
- Designer uses chrome and glass details to aid the travel of light throughout each space


▶ Design elements meld together perfectly in the Valhalla Towns & Condos two bedroom suite.

▶ The den in the one bedroom unit has a cosy simplicity.

▶ The kitchen slips into the background.

Retro style meets the future

SUITE TALK

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Details matter and the layered model suites at Valhalla are proof of that.

The right choice of artwork, accessories and tonal combinations can elevate a suite beyond a simple living space and designer Alessandro Munge took great care to make sure all elements melded together perfectly in the two-bedroom model suite.

"The suite has tons of layering to it. We didn't spend a gazillion dollars on a sofa but we spent money on carpeting, artwork and the other eye-popping pieces that are the jewellery of a room that people pay attention to," Munge said.

Retro glass coffee and dining tables from the 1940s and '50s feature prominently in both the two-bedroom and one-bedroom model units and Munge used plenty of other chrome and glass details to aid the travel of light throughout each space.

"Glass is transparent and chrome is reflective, those two elements combined keep things super light and airy. There's just an openness that's created in a space like that," Munge said.

For the colour palette Munge kept finishes mostly monochromatic with a focus on natural wood and off-white tones for a look that feels warm and comfortable.

The den in the one-bedroom unit has a cosy simplicity to it with wall-mounted shelving and slightly warmer tones while the kitchen in the two-bedroom unit has a tastefully modern, European flair with bone lacquer mixed with delicate cherry accents in the cabinetry and feature granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Munge wanted to avoid the trappings of kitchens which steal the limelight so instead he created a space that slips into the background when needed.

"I feel an open-concept kitchen shouldn't stand out so much — at some point that kitchen wants to disappear so you can focus on the art, the space and your family," Munge said.

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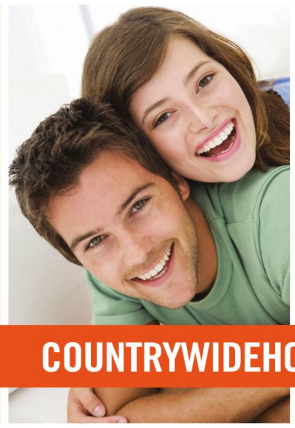

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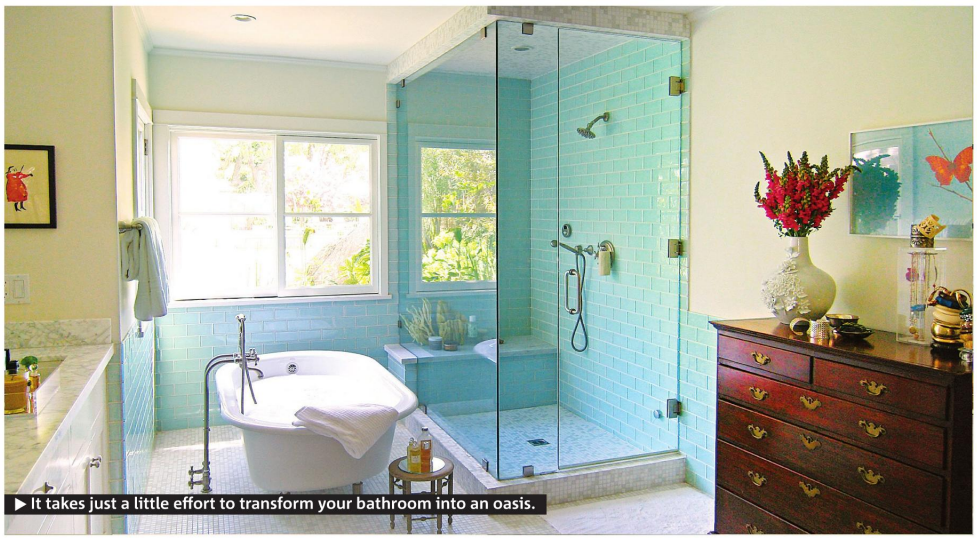
Soothing oasis at home

Simple steps can turn bathroom into a sanctuary Start with a clean slate and add accessories


It takes just a little effort to transform your bathroom into an oasis.

There's nothing like some me-time in a luxurious spa after a long day. And it takes just a little effort to transform your own bathroom into just such a place, an oasis in which to relax and rejuvenate.

Some simple fixes and inexpensive accessories can do the trick, designers say.

Begin With A Clean Slate

"Rooms feel calmer without clutter. So before doing anything else, clear off surfaces, walls and floors," says New York City designer Eve Robinson. "And while you're at it, toss out anything past its prime or that you really don't want or need."

Robinson favours light colour palettes — seafoam green and white, for instance — and uses very few accessories, perhaps "simple black-and-white photographs of ocean waves for a sense of relaxation and comfort."

She adores the classic spa feel of terry cloth, and suggests "crisp, white towels and bath mats to brighten and freshen a bathroom." Robinson also likes upholstering stools on wheels with terry to provide seating or space to pile extra towels. Often, she embroiders them with such words as "splish" and "splash."

While Dallas designer John Phifer Marrs is equally keen on soft hues, "Sometimes the most relaxing baths are no-colour," he says. For one client, he used varying shades of white and off-white, and added some baroque sconces and a neoclassical, tole-topped table for elegance and oomph. As with many furnishings, he says, "You can often replicate such high-end pieces with reproductions and flea-market finds."

Scents And Sounds

The right music can make a difference, according to Los Angeles-based designer Molly Luetkemeyer.

"Get the smallest iPod dock possible," she says. "Make a play list of music that helps you unwind, or download some ambient nature sounds — ocean waves, a bubbling brook, forest breezes. Turn it on when you enter the room and almost immediately you'll feel more serene."

One of Luetkemeyer's favourite parts about visiting spas is "being enveloped by delicious aromas," not only essential oils and bubble bath, but "candles that make you go 'ahh.'"

"Try short, chubby ones along the bathtub rim, several candlesticks grouped together or a candelabrum — and be sure to dim the lights before stepping into the tub," she says.

Pay attention to the little things: Luetkemeyer always has a pretty container of matches near her candles.

And getting back to good smells, she counsels, "Push the spent end of the wick into the warm wax to extinguish the candle. If you blow it out, the beautiful aroma will be covered by a smoky odour."

Island Breezes

Alex Jordan, co-president of the Chicago design firm Gregga Jordan Smieszny, likes to create an island mood with accessories that exude a "tropical feel." Among them are teak flooring ("Buy tiles online, much less expensive,") and, "if the room is well-ventilated, a large, hanging, paper light fixture a la Noguchi," he says. "Glass garden lanterns work well, too."

Two other easy tricks he uses to bring the outside in: Cover the walls in grass cloth. Or either paint a trellis on one or more walls, or mount a real one.

On a smaller scale, but as effective, would be to replace the linen-closet door with latticework. "Of course," Jordan adds with a laugh, "that means you have to keep the contents tidy."

Don't limit yourself to the bath sections of stores, Jordan advises: "Broaden your vision. Investigate stores' living-room departments and boutiques carrying foreign products."

Think about glass cylinders filled with seashells and river rocks, wood receptacles for makeup and hair brushes, baskets for rolled towels, cleaning equipment and the kids' toys.

One final suggestion Jordan shares is "parachute cloth for the shower curtain or to surround the tub. It's reminiscent of a spa's massage area and looks like it would gently rustle in an ocean breeze."

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Surround yourself with delicious aromas.

Spa Tips

Several other items that can complete a home spa:

- An inflatable, terry-cloth-covered pillow for the tub. (Some contain built-in neck massagers.)
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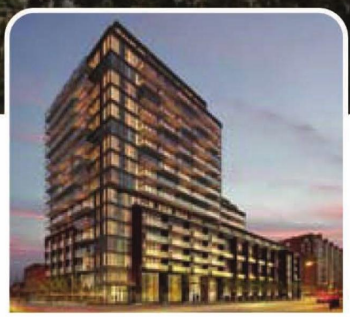

Making a splash

Simple, affordable ways to update your bathroom

HOMES IN STYLE

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Updating your bathroom doesn't necessitate breaking the bank or enduring aggravating renovations. In fact, injecting new life and style into one of the most used rooms in your house just takes a few easy steps.

Margot Austin, senior design editor at Style at Home, says the first task at hand is to declutter: "Yes, this means getting rid of all those bottles of potions with little bits left in them as well as dried up nail polish, etc." Clearing off the surface of your counter instantly cleans up the look of the room and creates a very Zen ambiance.

Next, Austin advises replacing worn towels with a new set as well as a luxurious bath mat. Towels in an understated print add interest to the room and if your walls are neutral, opt for colourful towels to add some punch. "Get the very best quality towels you can afford," she says.

Third, install new faucets and lighting for a quick and easy upgrade. "For many people, these are achievable DIY projects that made a huge difference," adds Austin.

She says the one bathroom accessory that provides the biggest impact is a shower curtain. "There are so many fun prints available now," explains Austin. "I'm also a big fan of the custom shower curtain — it's an affordable indulgence."

As for items that should no longer be seen in any bathroom, Austin says the worst offenders are builder-grade towel bars and soap dishes plastered into place. It's time for these to go.

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As the largest multi-family homebuilding market in North America and perhaps the world, you would expect that our local builders would fare well at the provincial Awards of Distinction set for late September.

As it turns out, based on the finalists list recently issued by the Ontario Home Builders' Association, they will be largely competing with themselves, making bragging rights even more meaningful.

All the name brand high-rise builders like Aspen Ridge, FRAM, Empire, Liberty, Lifetime, Menkes, Minto, Monarch, Preston, Queenscorp, Sorbara and Tridel can be found on the finalists list vying for awards for everything from sales and marketing to building and suite design to the prestigious High-Rise Project of the Year award.

Tridel is the largest high-rise builder in the GTA and appropriately leads the way with seven nominations for OHBA Awards including High-Rise Project of the Year for "Reve," up against Liberty Developments for World on Yonge and FRAM for REFLECTIONS Residences at Don Mills.

The amazing thing about all the great projects mentioned above and the other finalists listed at ohba.ca is that they represent the tip of the iceberg in terms of what's currently available let alone yet to come on the GTA condo scene. The ultimate winners in this competition are the homebuyers' themselves.

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Legal Matters

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GST REBATE FOR OWNERS, NOT INVESTORS

I have purchased a new condo that is scheduled to close in a few days and my lawyer has called requesting I indicate if I will be moving into the unit or if I am buying as an investment. I don't see this being any of his business or that of the builder as I am buying it with my savings so there is no mortgage on the property. How should I respond to this enquiry?

The answer to the question is extremely important from a documentation perspective and in the end result, the amount you pay for the condo.

Built into almost all new condominium Agreements of Purchase and Sale is the provision that G.S.T./H.S.T. is included in the purchase price. This is standard and effectively lowers that actual value of your property at the time of registration.

The federal government, in a move to spur new home and condo development has instituted a tax break for purchasers of new builds whereby if the buyer is purchasing for themselves or for a close family member to live in the home, they offer a G.S.T./H.S.T. rebate. This amounts to approximately 36 per cent of the applicable built in tax. This rebate is not available to people who are purchasing new property as an investment; for whatever reason.

"You have to swear a declaration ... that you will owner occupy the premises."

When you attend at your lawyer's office to sign the documents for your new home, you have to swear a declaration in front of the staff member that you will owner occupy the premises.

If you fail to occupy the residence after swearing to do so and you are caught by the Canada Revenue Agency, not only will you have to refund the tax rebate — which the builder claims on your behalf — but you could have criminal charges brought against you under the Canada Evidence Act.

It is a criminal offence to swear a declaration with a Commission of Oaths that is not true.

Therefore, you need to be quite clear and up front with your lawyer as to how you will take possession of your new home or condo.

Clearly, you are treading on thin ice if you think you can claim the rebate if you do not move into the property.

Ikea furniture catalogue marks 60th anniversary

Looking back at old catalogues provides not only a history of interior trends, but also a mirror of society

KRISTOFFER RENGFORS
METRO WORLD NEWS

This week the 2011 Ikea catalogue hits the shelves at the retail giant's stores worldwide. The furniture catalogue celebrates its 60th anniversary in Sweden, and Ikea is also launching a social network for interior design and an application for the iPhone.

Maria Perers, curator at Nordiska museet (Sweden's main museum for cultural history) said: "This year's catalogue has a glass-door cabinet on the cover. It is interesting because we nowadays share everything about ourselves on Facebook and in blogs. So, it is a natural thing that we also display some of our most personal things in our homes."

A look back at old Ikea catalogues is not only a history of interior trends, but also a mirror of society. In the early '60s the first TV-furniture appears, in 1989 the first home computer and in the '90s recycling became a big issue.

Perers, added: "It's not just about design, it really says something about how society has developed, about technology, and the attitude to the environment.

"It is interesting because the catalogue is used as historical inspiration for people who work in movie design. That is why Ikea's version about how life used to be lived easily lives on."

▶ The first Ikea catalogue was published in 1951.

Evolution of a shopping icon

1951: "This is the first furniture catalogue from Ikea. Earlier they had been selling everything from nylon stockings to pens. The cover is very modern and they use the word ultramodern. But even though their thing was cheap furniture they sold copies of more exclusive furniture."

1960: "Here the TV is shown as a pair of glasses. TV came to Sweden in 1956 but now it has broken through on a wide scale. Here Ikea is for the first time teaching us how to arrange our furniture around the TV — and we started doing it. This is how the living room will look for decades to come."

1970: "The first cover showing a person, sitting on a sofa. Inside the catalogue there are pictures of young girls lounging in some kind of laidback sofa. The teenagers are slouching and the parents are appalled and it is clear that there is a more free, post-'60s lifestyle that is shown, where you don't sit up straight."

1985: "Here it is clear that the catalogue is meant to be more luxurious and more exclusive. The white frame has been borrowed from international fashion magazines and the '80s is displayed as the 'yuppie' era. All books have white covers and there is a focus on storage and everything is perfectly arranged. But nothing happens in the homes."

1989: "This year is very interesting because the first home computer appears in the catalogue. Furniture for home offices appear soon afterwards. But this shows what an excellent mirror to society the Ikea catalogue is. You can see exactly when things like the computer and the microwave came into our homes."

2000: "Now it becomes clear how important it is for Ikea to appeal to different lifestyles. On one page in the catalogue there is a gay couple in a kitchen, and the year before there is a page devoted to how a single dad can arrange his bachelor pad so his daughter could stay every other week. It is very in tune with the times."

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▶ Len Duckworth's Fish & Chips, on Danforth near Main.

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Ooh! I love the old tyme feel here. Len Duckworth's has been around since 1930 and now his grandson cooks up the fish at this location — which offers a ton of seating as well as take-out.

It's wonderful to have a choice of fish (halibut, sole, haddock, blue cod) and seafood (shrimps, scallops).

I get the Eat In Only House Special ($9.95) – Halibut, Small Chips, Coleslaw, Slice of Bread and Tea, Coffee or Pop. My companion gets the Seafood Platter ($12.95) – Halibut (he substitutes Cod), Shrimp, Scallops, Chips and Coleslaw.

What makes the meal so good is the quality of everything — large shrimp, fresh filet of cod, thick, moist haddock, fresh potatoes and home-made coleslaw. The batter is light and crisp without being greasy and there is more than enough on your plate to fill you.

Thank goodness it's close to the subway. We'll be back. Maybe even tomorrow.

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- **Time out 2:18 p.m.**
- **Low $ - Bread & Butter ($0.85)**
- **High $ - Family Deal 2 – 8 Halibut, 5 Chips, 3 Coleslaw, 3 Bread & Butter, Gravy ($59.95)**
- **Licensed - no**

Grilled halibut with mustard, grapefruit relish

This dish is fresh, light and healthy and can be on the table quickly. Pair the halibut with baby greens and a brown rice pilaf for a complete meal.

Ingredients :

- 750 g (1⅔ lb) halibut steaks or fillets
- Marinade
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) grapefruit juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh or 5 ml (1 tsp) dried oregano
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) fresh ground pepper
- Grapefruit Relish
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Ancienne Old Style mustard
- 1 red grapefruit sectioned and chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh or 5 ml (1 tsp) dried oregano
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) fresh ground pepper

Preparation:

1. In a shallow glass dish, whisk together Dijon mustard, grapefruit juice, olive oil, oregano and pepper; add halibut, turning to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together Old Style Mustard, chopped grapefruit sections, olive oil, honey, oregano and fresh ground pepper. Cover and refrigerate.
3. Preheat grill or broiler to high. Grill halibut for about 4 minutes per side or until done.
4. Transfer grilled halibut to a serving platter. Spoon relish on top of grilled halibut.

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Bocconcini-Veggie Salad

Ingredients :

- 75 ml olive oil
- 45 ml lemon juice
- 15 ml Dijon mustard
- 45 ml minced fresh basil
- 45 ml grated Parmesan
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tomatoes, quartered
- 2 yellow pepper, quartered
- 1 red onion, quartered
- 500 ml baby potatoes, cooked and halved
- 1 bunch asparagus, cut in sections and blanched
- 8 bocconcini, quartered (400 g)

Preparation:

1. Preheat barbecue to medium-high. In a large bowl, combine olive oil, lemon juice, Dijon mustard and basil. Salt and pepper to taste.
2. Brush dressing on tomato, pepper and onion then roast on grill until browned and soft, then cut into chunks.
3. Add Parmesan, potatoes, asparagus and Bocconcini to dressing. Add grilled vegetables to mixture in bowl. Toss lightly, adjust seasoning as needed and serve immediately.

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‘All business’ for Kadri this summer

No breaks or vacation for Leafs’ hard-working prospect during off-season

The summer passed Nazem Kadri by.

Literally.

The highly touted Toronto Maple Leafs prospect spent the warmest days of the year behind the wheel of a car — making frequent trips from his home in London, Ont., to the NHL team’s practice facility for workouts.

It was no secret that Kadri needed to add some muscle, so he basically confined himself to the weight room. Even after a long season of junior hockey, the 19-year-old didn’t indulge in an exotic vacation or a long stretch on the dock of a cottage.

“Absolutely not, it was all business this summer,” Kadri said yesterday at the NHLPA’s rookie showcase. “I just worked as hard as I could. ... No breaks for me this summer — it was just all work, work, work.

“That’s how it’s got to be if you want to make the NHL.”

Jordan Eberle was only slightly more fortunate. The 20-year-old Edmonton Oilers prospect allowed himself a week off to visit junior teammate Colten Teubert in White Rock, B.C.

Otherwise, the majority of his time was spent focusing on what he needs to do to crack the Oilers roster out of training camp.

“It’s kind of been a quick summer for me,” said Eberle.

Not that he was complaining. As Eberle and 22 of the NHL’s other top prospects gathered in Toronto to have their photos taken for trading cards, there was a palpable level of excitement in the air.

Many will participate in rookie tournaments over the next week or two before attending their NHL team’s main camp starting Sept. 17. It will be an opportunity for them to finally put a summer’s worth of hard work to good use.

“I feel like I’m really prepared,” said Swedish forward Magnus Paajarvi, another Oilers prospect. “I feel like I’m in really good shape. I just want to get it started.”

Added Jordan Schroeder, a Vancouver Canucks first-rounder: “Everyone here wants to make an NHL squad this year. We’re all very anxious to get off to training camp and get things going.”

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NHL-bound?

- Kadri will be going through training camp for a second time and has a very good chance to earn a spot with his rebuilding club.
- Even though Kadri has repeatedly said he’s taking nothing for granted, Maple Leafs GM Brian Burke acknowledged earlier this summer that the teenaged centre will likely start the season in the NHL.

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORONTO STAR

▶ Nazem Kadri, of the Maple Leafs, takes to the ice in Etobicoke as part of the 2010 NHLPA Rookie Showcase yesterday.

Loss to New Zealand dashes Canada’s hopes

Canada will make an early exit from the world basketball championship after stumbling to a fourth straight loss yesterday.

A 71-61 loss to New Zealand dropped the Canadians to the bottom of Group D with an 0-4 record. With no chance to move into the top two, Canada won’t advance to the knockout round.

Canada closes out group play today against defending champion Spain.

The Canadians also lost to Lebanon, Lithuania and France earlier in the tournament.

“I feel like the last few games have taken a toll,” Canadian coach Leo Rautins said. “It’s like we were running in quicksand.”

Canada was without one of its key players for part of the tournament as Andy Rautins, the son of Leo and one of only two NBA players on the roster, battled a bruised knee.

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Jevohn Shepherd of Toronto led the Canadians with 15 points yesterday while Levon Kendall of Vancouver added seven rebounds.

Sports in brief

Kovalchuk deal gets more time

NHL. The NHL is taking a bit more time to decide whether it will approve Ilya Kovalchuk’s latest contract with the New Jersey Devils.

The league and NHL Players’ Association announced yesterday that the deadline for a ruling has been extended to 5 p.m. ET on Friday.

The Devils are seeking approval on a $100-million US, 15-year contract. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada may help out TFC

SOCCER. Canadian coach Stephen Hart says he will likely excuse three Toronto FC players from the national team’s soccer friendly against Honduras in Montreal next Tuesday.

Dwayne De Rosario, Julian de Guzman and Nana Attakora are expected to see action for Canada in Saturday’s game against Peru.

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4 sports

Sports in brief

1 Usain Bolt said American sprint rival Tyson Gay “probably just hates my guts” because he has been so dominant.

2 Canadian tennis player Aleksandra Wozniak is taking the rest of the year off so she can recover from an injured forearm.

3 Manny Ramirez had a bloop single in his debut for the White Sox, a 6-4 win over Cleveland.

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Scan code for sports

Dreaming big: Titans' Johnson has larger goals

Tennessee running back sets sights on second straight 2,000-yard season and Dickerson's record

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▶ Titans running back Chris Johnson smiles prior to a pre-season game last month.

The ink starts at Chris Johnson's neck, with wings tattooed just above his collarbone, reminding the world that he is the NFL's most recent member of the very rare club of 2,000-yard rushers. The Tennessee running back also has "Cause IM A Star" perched just above a red star in the middle of his chest.

Dream big, then run faster than anyone else in the NFL. Johnson used that combination to rush his way to NFL Offensive Player of the Year in 2009, becoming only the sixth man in league history to run for at least 2,000 yards.

He's back for his third season with goals set even higher than a year ago: Run right past Eric Dickerson's NFL rushing record of 2,105 yards all the way to 2,500.

That would make him the first ever to run for 2,000 yards twice in a career with the added twist of doing it back-to-back. Dickerson didn't do it. Neither did Barry Sanders, Jamal Lewis, O.J. Simpson or Terrell Davis.

Johnson calls it his chip on his shoulder.

"It gives me something to look forward to. People might be like, 'Oh, you run for 2,000 yards so he's content or whatever like that.' I haven't broken the record, so I still have something on my shoulder and something to work hard for," Johnson said.

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NFL

Union looks into rookie trades

The NFL players' union is looking into whether trades made by four teams this week are attempts to avoid paying money into a rookie pool.

A source requesting anonymity said yesterday the NFL Players Association is reviewing trades made by the Washington Redskins, St. Louis Rams, Philadelphia Eagles and Arizona Cardinals.

The trades have the union's attention because, under collective bargaining rules, if a drafted rookie is cut by the team that drafted him, that team is required to pay 85 per cent of that player's salary into a rookie pool.

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Raiders deny interest in QB Leinart

The Oakland Raiders have plenty of roster moves they need to make before the start of the season.

Apparently trading for Matt Leinart isn't one of them.

The Raiders denied a report from ESPN yesterday that said the team has had discussions about trading with Arizona for Leinart.

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▶ Aroldis Chapman, left, walks onto the field with closer Francisco Cordero for batting practice earlier this week.

Reds launch new version of Cuban missile

Cincy reliever clocked two pitches at 102 m.p.h. in debut ◐ Pitch takes third of a second to reach plate

Sometimes, left-hander Aroldis Chapman can't help but peek.

A murmur will go through the crowd when one of his express-lane fastballs smacks the catcher's mitt and the estimated speed is shown in triple digits on the ballpark scoreboard. The 22-year-old Cuban hears the commotion and can't help but sneak a glance to see what big number has popped up.

"Once in a while, I take a look and, yeah, I get surprised and really happy to see what it is," Chapman said.

From now on, scoreboard watching will take on a little different meaning every time he lets one fly.

Chapman made his big league debut with the NL Central-leading Cincinnati Reds Tuesday night and pitched a perfect inning. He threw eight pitches, half of them reaching at least 100 m.p.h. on the Great American Ball Park board. Two of them clocked in at 102.

105
At triple-A Louisville, Chapman hit 104 and 105 m.p.h. on the radar board, turning his fastball into an urban legend even before he arrived in the majors.

Fans love the big numbers — the crowd roared every time one popped up during the 8-4 win over Milwaukee. But is there more to it than just the allure?

Sure is.

Just ask a hitter.

"The old adage is that speed kills, and it does," Hall of Famer Joe Morgan said yesterday.

"Guys who throw hard are the most successful because there's an intimidation factor in there, too. If a guy throws real hard and the ball gets there quick, there is a slight fear factor."

A Louisville Slugger researcher pointed out yesterday that it takes little more than one-third of a second for a ball to travel the approximately 17 metres to the plate once it leaves Chapman's hand at more than 100 miles per hour. That leaves a batter little time to make up his mind and start to swing.

Better not blink.

"The speed bothers you because you have to rush your swing," Morgan said. "And the other (pitches) bother you because once you rush and something else happens, you've got to adjust to that."

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Pacquiao still wants bout with Mayweather

Manny Pacquiao and his trainer Freddie Roach wanted the exact same thing that boxing fans everywhere wanted: Floyd Mayweather Jr.

They got Antonio Margarito instead.

Pacquiao and Roach said yesterday they agreed to every demand put forward by Mayweather for what could have been the richest fight in boxing history. But the former pound-for-pound king chose not to accept the bout, leaving Pacquiao to look elsewhere for a fall opponent.

He will face Margarito, the former welterweight champion, on Nov. 13 at Cowboys Stadium.

"I don't need him, he needs me," Pacquiao said of Mayweather.

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Price on the money for win

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Evan Longoria snapped an eighth-inning tie with an RBI single, leading the Tampa Bay Rays past the Toronto Blue Jays 2-1 last night for David Price's club-record 16th victory.

Price (16-6) allowed a solo homer to John Buck, a double and two infield singles over eight innings. The 25-year-old left-hander walked two and struck out seven before Rafael Soriano worked out of a jam in the ninth for his major league-leading 40th save in 42 opportunities.

Tampa Bay remained a game behind the first-place Yankees in the AL East. New York beat Oakland 4-3 for its fifth straight victory.

Sean Rodriguez homered, tripled and singled off Blue Jays starter Shaun Marcum. Rodriguez was denied a chance to go for the cycle when he was intentionally walked to load the bases after Longoria delivered his go-ahead hit off Scott Downs.

Marcum allowed one run and five hits over six innings. He walked two and struck out seven.

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Canadian gives Venus a scare

Rebecca Marino takes American star to the limit in their first set

Canadian qualifier Rebecca Marino was left with mixed emotions after turning heads at the U.S. Open yesterday, giving American Venus Williams all she could handle in the first set before succumbing 7-6 (3), 6-3 to the third seed.

"It's a little disappointing but also exciting," said the 19-year-old from Vancouver. "I was super excited with the way I was able to go toe-to-toe with her.

"I'm just really happy with how I've done here. It's exceeded my expectations. I guess I can say I'm proud of myself."

Williams struggled early on a steamy, windy day before reeling off the last six points of a tiebreaker against the 179th-ranked Marino.

"Seemed like every time I had an opening she would hit a big serve," Williams said of the first set. "So I guess I know what it's like now playing myself.

"I was very impressed. She's got a good future ahead of her."

Marino had a 3-1 lead in the tiebreaker before Williams buckled down. The two-time U.S. Open champion responded with a cross-court backhand winner, followed by a forehand winner to get going and reach the third round.

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Player hurt

- Victoria Azarenka collapsed and had to be taken off the court in a wheelchair yesterday, an accident that resulted from a concussion she endured after falling and hitting her head while warming up for her U.S. Open match.

NICK LAHAM/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Rebecca Marino hits a return against Venus Williams.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

AL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
NEW YORK	83	50	.624	-
TAMPA BAY	82	51	.617	1
BOSTON	75	58	.564	8
TORONTO	69	64	.519	14
BALTIMORE	49	84	.368	34

AL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
MINNESOTA	76	56	.576	-
CHICAGO	73	60	.549	3.5
DETROIT	65	67	.492	11
KANSAS CITY	56	76	.424	20
CLEVELAND	53	80	.398	23.5

AL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	74	58	.561	-
OAKLAND	65	67	.492	9
LOS ANGELES	64	69	.481	10.5
SEATTLE	52	80	.394	22

Yesterday's AL results

Tampa Bay 2 Toronto 1
Chicago White Sox 6 Cleveland 4
Boston 9 Baltimore 6
N.Y. Yankees 4 Oakland 3
Detroit at Minnesota
Texas at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at Seattle

Today's AL games

Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	78	55	.586	-
PHILADELPHIA	75	58	.564	3
FLORIDA	67	65	.508	10.5
NEW YORK	65	68	.489	13
WASHINGTON	57	77	.425	21.5

NL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	78	55	.586	-
ST. LOUIS	69	62	.527	8
HOUSTON	62	71	.466	16
MILWAUKEE	62	71	.466	16
CHICAGO	57	77	.425	21.5
PITTSBURGH	44	89	.331	34

NL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN DIEGO	76	56	.576	-
SAN FRANCISCO	73	60	.549	3.5
COLORADO	69	62	.527	6.5
LOS ANGELES	68	66	.507	9
ARIZONA	55	79	.410	22

Yesterday's NL results

Arizona 5 San Diego 2
Atlanta 4 N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago Cubs 5 Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 6 Milwaukee 1
Florida 16 Washington 10
Houston 5 St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 5 L.A. Dodgers 1
Colorado at San Francisco

Today's NL games

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 7:10 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
MONTREAL	8	6	2	0	269	193	12
TORONTO	8	5	3	0	191	215	10
HAMILTON	8	4	4	0	201	215	8
WINNIPEG	8	2	6	0	224	244	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
CALGARY	8	7	1	0	271	177	14
SASK.	8	5	3	0	249	213	10
EDMONTON	8	2	6	0	162	253	4
B.C.	8	1	7	0	170	227	2

Friday's game

B.C. at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Winnipeg at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

Monday's games

Toronto at Hamilton, 2:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 6 p.m.

THIS DAY IN SPORTS

Sept. 2

2001 - Michael Schumacher becomes the winningest driver in Formula One history, capturing the Belgian Grand Prix for his 52nd career victory. Schumacher breaks the mark he shared with Alain Prost and clinches his fourth world championship.
2003 - Eric Gagne of Mascouche, Que., sets a major league record with his 55th consecutive save in Los Angeles's 4-1 victory over Houston.
2007 - Allyson Felix becomes the second woman to win three gold medals at a single world championships meet, helping the United States to victory in the 1,600-metre relay. U.S. teammate Bernard Lagat becomes the first 1,500-5,000 double winner in world championship history, biding his time in the 5,000 metres before kicking for home.

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CFL EXTRA POINTS

LIONS COULD FINALLY CATCH NEEDED BREAK

B.C. Lions head coach Wally Buono is shrugging off rumours that he is about to either resign or be fired by Lions owner David Braley.

The Lions have lost seven straight, unfamiliar territory for the CFL's most successful head coach, who sports a deplorable 1-7 record this season. Despite calls for his head, Buono is also resisting the temptation to gut his lineup, arguing he is reluctant to have to start over from square one.

And now it appears the Lions will finally get a break. Although Wally's Boys face the Montreal Alouettes tomorrow, the defending Grey Cup champs will be led by backup QB Chris Leak. Leak is making his first CFL start ahead of injured veteran Anthony Calvillo, giving the Leos a legitimate shot at an upset and a reprieve for their embattled boss.

RIDER NATION

One thing about the faithful Saskatchewan Roughriders fans, they back their team win or tie. Social media sites and Internet chat rooms lit up last weekend after the Riders fell on their faces in Edmonton, losing 17-14. This development was just a week after some fans were talking about the Riders repeating as West Division champs. Suddenly, many were calling for the firing of some Riders coaches and the benching of QB Darian Durant. While Durant completed just 19 of 39 passes with three interceptions and a fumble, the week earlier he was being touted by the same Rider fans as CFL MVP.

REF'S ACCOMPLISHMENT

The money sucks when you consider the ridicule they receive, so it's a bit surprising to find CFL official Bud Steen has endured 500 CFL games during a 30-year period. The 59-year-old Edmonton lawyer worked his 500th game last weekend in his hometown. Steen will receive an armload of memorabilia for his efforts, but maybe his most enduring keepsake from three decades as a CFL official is his memory of working his first Grey Cup in 1989. That night he was chased off the field by Hamilton Tiger-Cats head coach Al Bruno and members of his staff, incensed by apparent pass interference calls that were missed.

HAMILTON STADIUM

Hamilton city council will spend two weeks examining yet another potential stadium site for the 2015 Pan American Games, a venue that would eventually become home to the Tiger-Cats. The vote did not eliminate the original West Harbour stadium location previously recommended by the city, but it provides a glimmer of hope for Ticats owner Bob Young to have a more feasible facility for his team.

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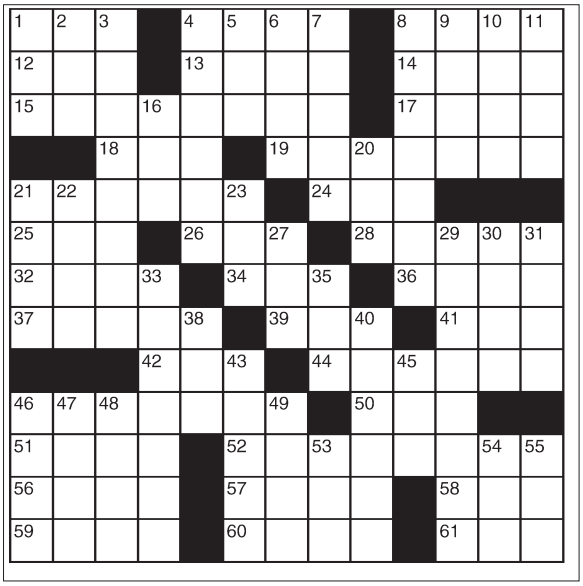

Across

1 "— De-Lovely"
4 Scatters seeds
8 Oxen's burden
12 Grazing area
13 Noble gas
14 Five-star review
15 Joey, e.g.
17 Finished
18 Space
19 Poisonous plant with milky juice
21 Patsies
24 Atl. state
25 Maui memento
26 Second person
28 Opera's Dame Nellie
32 Grecian vessels
34 Use a crowbar
36 Timbuktu's country
37 Hardwood tree with small nuts
39 Retriever type, for short
41 A Bobbsey twin
42 Listener
44 Importance
46 Loot
50 Wildebeest
51 Rodgers collaborator
52 Finger woe
56 Advantage
57 Vicinity
58 Festive
59 Garden intruder
60 "Cheers" order
61 Away from WSW

Down

1 Sort
2 Afternoon social
3 Blood-red
4 Quick and lively
5 "— the ramparts ..."
6 Lumber
7 Hairnet
8 Dilemma
9 Volcanic outflow
10 It takes the cake
11 Existed
16 School of whales
20 Jewel
21 Organization
22 Present
23 Bribe
27 Web address
29 Tongue
30 Just so-so
31 "— She Sweet"
33 Having an aroma
35 Deviate off course
38 Possessed
40 Mendicant
43 Curative center
45 Hostel
46 "That's a relief!"
47 Stow cargo
48 Craving
49 Exceptional
53 Born
54 Author Fleming
55 Caustic solution

▶ Yesterday's answer

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3	2		6		9		7	4
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	4			7	1		8	9
9	3	5		8				

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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8	4	2	3	7	5	9	1	6
7	2	3	5	1	8	4	6	9
5	8	1	4	9	6	2	3	7
6	9	4	7	2	3	1	5	8
2	5	7	8	3	1	6	9	4
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It may seem as if your big chance has come and gone but it isn't true, and deep down you know it. Stop looking for excuses and start making things happen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may be in a position to tell others what to do, but if you want to get along with them in the long-term you also need to take account of what they want to do.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Your domestic situation will improve dramatically over the next few days as the Sun in Virgo – like your own sign ruled by communications planet Mercury, helps you to express yourself.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The pace of life will move up a notch or two, or more, today and before you know it you will be hurtling along at speeds that are a little scary.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Life may be easy for you at the moment but don't think you can sit back and let the good things come to you. They will, of course, but you may be left with the uneasy feeling that you should have made more of your talents.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Remind yourself that this is your time of year and that anything is possible. What will you get? That depends on what you are prepared to put in. Make the effort and you'll be rewarded.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What you think about today and tomorrow will become the mental blueprint for what you achieve when the Sun moves into your sign towards the end of the month, so keep your thoughts positive.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Today's cosmic alignment will bring you into contact with the right people in the right places at the right times. After that it's up to you.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You don't always play by the rules, but today, and for the remainder of the week, you must play it by the book. Think of your reputation — it's the most important thing you've got.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Capricorn may be conservative by nature but you are willing to take the occasional risk, so long as the odds are in your favour. Don't hold back if you get a hunch of some kind today.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There have been a lot of upheavals in your life in recent weeks and you are not out of the woods in that regard yet. Fortunately, you view it all as a learning experience, which helps you cope.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The Sun in your opposite sign of Virgo restricts your ability to make your own decisions, but it's really no great hardship.
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